



# 1935 Round 10 Saturday 6th July Pratten Park



## St George 12

def.

## Western Suburbs 5

Stan ROBINSON  
 Les GRIFFIN  
 Jack LYNCH  
 Jim RUTHERFORD  
 Fred GARDNER (c)  
 Robert GROTTE  
 Jim FLOWER  
 Bill KILLIBY  
 Charles RICE  
 Bill RYAN  
 Eddie ROOT  
 Tom HAYWOOD  
 Len KELLY

*Fullback*  
*Wing*  
*Centre*  
*Centre*  
*Wing*  
*Five-eighth*  
*Half*  
*Lock*  
*Second Row*  
*Second Row*  
*Front Row*  
*Hooker*  
*Front Row*

Frank McMILLAN (c)  
 Vince SHEEHAN  
 Cliff DEEGAN  
 Ron KNIGHT  
 Fred COMBER  
 Stan TANCRED  
 Albert McGUINNESS  
 Max GRAY  
 Ron EATON  
 Athol SMITH  
 Vince CLEARY  
 Gordon PUGH  
 Alan BLAKE



**Tries** Fred GARDNER  
 Bill KILLIBY

Fred COMBER

**Goals** Bill RYAN (2)  
 Les GRIFFIN (1)

Ron KNIGHT (1)

### Match Description

**St George:** Full-back: Stan Robinson; three-quarters: F Gardner (capt), J Lynch, J Rutherford, L Griffin; halves: R Grotte, J Flower; forwards: W Killiby, C Rice, W Ryan, T Haywood, E Root, L Kelly

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: F McMillan; three-quarters: F Comber, R Knight, C Deegan, V Sheehan; halves: S Tancred, A McGuinness; forwards: M Gray, A Smith, R Eaton, A Blake, G Pugh, V Cleary **Referee: J Latta (Rugby League News 9th July 1935)**

Western Suburbs was without Hey, Mead Brady, and Ridley who were with the New South Wales team and Spillane, who was injured in the previous round. St George was weakened by the absence of Fairall, the "hooker," in Queensland. ... Western Suburbs started in good style and the best movement of the match resulted after five minutes' play. From a scrum at half-way Tancred went through nicely before sending to Knight, to Deegan who easily broke through a weak tackle by Gardner and sent Comber over near the posts. Knight failed with an easy kick. Comber was prominent in another good run almost immediately, but was dropped near the St George goal line. St George had a turn then, and had Western Suburbs penned in the 25 yards area for some time. After several fruitless penalty kicks by Griffin and Ryan the latter landed two goals to give the visitors a lead. St George scored when Grotte shot away on the blind side, and after his 30 yards dash along the touchline Killiby ranged alongside, raced by McMillan, Grotte threw an easy pass to Killiby, and the forward crossed wide out. Half-time scores St George 7, Western Suburbs, 3.

Knight became prominent on the resumption, and sent Comber off but the winger's in-pass to McGuinness was bad, and the opportunity was lost. Western Suburbs stayed in St George's half and got to within two points of St George's score when Knight landed a fair goal. Western Suburbs launched attack after attack with McGuinness and Tancred prominent but the tackling of St George was sound. Rice intercepted and relieved before Griffin added an easy penalty goal. Western Suburbs was attacking when Gardner dashed in and snatched the ball from Deegan. He raced 50 yards, and although Sheehan came across fast, he could not reach the winger, who scored wide out. That concluded the scoring. Blake appeared to cross after McMillan had lofted a free kick, but the referee ruled 'no try'. ... Tancred and Knight did best for Western Suburbs Gray, Smith, and Blake were good forwards for the losers, and St George's best were Ryan, Kelly, and Rice **(Sydney Morning Herald 8th July 1935)**

Loud and continuous hand-clapping greeted Cliff Pearce upon his taking the field with Wests' Reserves at Pratten Park on Saturday, and making his first appearance in a match since his unfortunate accident, some fifteen months ago..... among the many players in Wests' club who have been elevated to first grade at various times and then had to resume playing with Reserves, "Butter" Green takes his appointments in a splendid manner, and makes every effort to give satisfaction in whatever team he is selected for. Since his connection with Wests, to whom he migrated from Newtown, "Butter" has become deservedly popular and like the other members of the touring side, enjoyed every moment of his visit to New Zealand last year..... Fred Comber, playing in Alan Ridley's stead, showed a rare turn of speed in outdistancing "Yappy" Gardner, when scoring the solo try for Wests. **(Rugby League News 13th July 1935)**

**Notes:** Wests were again without Hey, Mead, Brady and Ridley and also Jack Spillane who was out for the rest of the season with a fractured jaw. Later in the year Wests held a fund-raising cycle day at Pratten Park to give Spillane some compensation for lost income. Fred Comber made his debut and impressed with his high speed. Overall, it was a poor quality match where Wests obviously missed their stars. Talking of stars, Cliff Pearce made his comeback in Reserve Grade after fifteen months of rehabilitation from a severely broken leg. He was given a rousing reception by the fans.