



1934 Round 10 Saturday 7th July Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 25

def.

University 11

Jim SHARMAN
Vince SHEEHAN
Stan TANCRED
Alan BRADY (c)
Ray HINES
Alec McDONALD
Albert McGUINNESS
Frank SPONBERG
Max GRAY
Jack McCONNELL
Jack HARTWELL
Bob LINDFIELD
Alan BLAKE

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

Hugh WILLIS
Rod O'LOAN
Ross McKINNON
John ELLIOTT
Jack GRAY-SPENCE
Griffith DUNCAN
Frank FREEMAN
Gordon FAVELLE (c)
Jim GREGAN
Russell COOPER
James MARKS
Frank SPILLANE
Jim COMANS

Tries

Stan TANCRED (2)
Alan BRADY
Max GRAY
Ray HINES

John ELLIOTT
Ross McKINNON
Rod O'LOAN

Goals

Alec McDONALD (5)

John ELLIOTT (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: V Sheehan, A Brady (capt), S Tancred, R Hines; halves: A McDonald, A McGuinness; forwards: F Sponberg, J McConnell, M Gray, A Blake, R Lindfield, J Hartwell

University: Full-back: H Willis; three-quarters: R O'Loan, J Elliott, R McKinnon, J Gary-Spence; halves: G Duncan, F Freeman; forwards: G Favell (capt), J Gregan, R Cooper, J Comans, F Spillane, J Marks **Referee: P Lee (Rugby League News 14th July 1934)**

Western Suburbs, without five leading players, had little difficulty in accounting for the students, although the latter team's display was an improvement on recent performances. The home side's substitute halves were far below the Mead-Hey standard, and it was the penetrating ability of the two regular centres, Brady and Tancred, that led to most of the successful Western movements. University had a fair share of the exchanges territorially and, though Western Suburbs led at half-time by 12 points to nil, only solid defence had prevented a University score on several occasions. In the second half, University battled on more determinedly than usual, and obtained 11 points to West's 13, both teams getting three tries. Western Suburbs gained an early lead, McDonald kicking a penalty goal and also converting Gray's try, which came soon after the start. Then University, winning the ball from the scrums, attacked strongly, and O'Loan, Duncan, and Favell were nearly in, the home team forcing after the latter's effort. Nearing half-time Tancred broke away at University's 25 line and scored, increasing the advantage.

Hines' long run for a try put Western Suburbs further ahead on resuming and then University secured its first points through the agency of Elliott. Following two penalty goals by McDonald, McKinnon crossed for University, and soon after Tancred figured in another fine burst to score again. After a scrum University produced the best combined movement of the day, and O'Loan handled a second time before crossing. Western Suburbs' captain, Brady, emulated Tancred in an individual burst to get the final points. Tancred was the winner's best player and, besides his two tries, he also sent Gray across when he himself looked to have a try in his grasp. Brady also played well, but the halves, McGuinness and McDonald, could not penetrate. The latter's five goals, however, showed his ability in this phase of play. University's forwards, led by Favell, played soundly, and McKinnon, Elliott, and O'Loan were the best backs, with the last-named always dangerous. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 9th July 1934)**

Cliff Pearce, who sustained a broken leg at the outset of the season in the Kangaroos – Rest of NSW match, is looking the picture of good rugged health, and the latest X-ray shows a perfect union of the broken bones. Dr R Dinley has given much time and attention to Cliff, and is pleased with the splendid result. **(Rugby League News 21st July 1934)**

Notes: This was a very good win by Wests with five of their stars, McMillan, Hey, Mead, Cornwell and Ridley, playing for NSW in Queensland. It marked the debut of Jimmy Sharman, playing out of position at full-back, and also Jack Hartwell, a regular Reserve Grader, debuting as well. In a lack-lustre game, Stan Tancred continued his great form, being the most penetrative back on the field. The half combination was obviously not as good as the Hey/Mead one, but they played solidly. Alan Brady took over the captaincy in McMillan's absence. The report on Cliff Pearce's progress was heartening, foreshadowing his return in 1935.