

Goals

Albert McGUINESS (5) Norm PARKINSON (1)

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Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: C O'Brien; three-quarters: B Brown, N Parkinson, J Whitehurst, C Fewtrell; halves: E Bennett, A McGuiness (capt); forwards: G Lucas, R Campbell, F McKean, J Schuback, K Lock, J Piper

Ray PRATT (6)

St George: Full-back: R Pratt; three-quarters: O Campbell, J Lindwall, G Hart, N Jones; halves: L Morley, A McAndrew; forwards: W Tyquin, N Smith (capt), L Kelly, L Spencer, H Gilbert, C Montgomery **Referee: T McMahon** (Rugby League News 2nd August 1941)

About 5000 were present when Hart kicked off. From a struggle near the line Brown secured to score a determined try in the corner. Parkinson kicked the goal from the touch-line, and Western Suburbs led 5-nil. ... Parkinson was heavily tackled by a St. George forward, and was carried to the side-line. ...Then Wests had bad luck, McGuinness racing downfield and sending Brown over. In attempting to improve his position Brown was tackled by Campbell, who had come from the clouds, and was forced over the dead-ball line. Parkinson was carried off the field on a stretcher. It was bad luck for Wests, who had lost its star goal-kicker. ... Brown sent to Piper, then Whitehurst secured. The full-back, O'Brien, joined in the movement, passing to McGuiness, who outpaced the opposition to score between the posts. McGuiness converted. Western Suburbs 12, St. George nil. The crowd cheered when referee McMahon gave a penalty near halfway to the home team and Pratt kicked the goal. Western Suburbs 12, St. George 2. Right on half-time Brown scored his second try, Whitehurst. Schuback, and Bennett handling before the winger scored. McGuiness converted, and Wests led, 17-2. Half-time scores: Western Suburbs 17, St. George 2.

During the interval Parkinson was taken to St. George Hospital. After McGuinness had tried to cut through, Schuback went over for a try. McGuinness goaled and Wests led by 22 to 2. St. George then swung to the attack and Kelly secured, to ground the ball amid a bunch of forwards. Pratt converted. Western Suburbs 22, St. George 7. Both tries had been scored within five minutes of the resumption. The home team was in again when Spencer secured at the 25 and scored. Pratt converted. Wests 22, St. George 10. A penalty to St. George resulted in Pratt kicking his fourth goal. Western Suburbs 22, St. George 14. From a scrum, McGuinness cut through to score near the comer. Bennett missed the goal. Western Suburbs 25, St. George 14. McGuinness made his total points for the match 16, when he landed a goal from a penalty. Western Suburbs 27, St. George 14. Hart scored a fine try when he took a transfer from Tyquin to weave his way along the touch-line. Pratt kicked the goal. Western Suburbs 27, St, George 19. McAndrew secured a loose ball and dashed through to dive for a try with Brown hanging on. Pratt kicked his sixth goal, and the home team was only three points behind. Western Suburbs 27, St. George 24. Fine combination between Bennett and Brown enabled Brown to score his third try. McGuiness missed the goal, and Wests had won, 30 to 24. **(The Sun 12th July 1941)**

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Notes: This was a very strong win, especially considering that Norm Parkinson was carried off on a stretcher and was taken to St George hospital with broken ribs. Wests played a lot of the match with 12 men. "Podgy" McGuiness was an absolute star, scoring 2 brilliant tries and kicking five goals after taking over the duties from Parkinson. Bruce Brown also continued his great form, showing that he was one of the best finishers in the competition.