1934 Round 11 Saturday 14th July Sports Ground

Western Suburbs 25

def.

Newtown 17



Jim SHARMAN
Vince SHEEHAN
Stan TANCRED
Alan BRADY (c)
Ray HINES
Alec McDONALD
Albert McGUINESS
Bert GREEN
Max GRAY
Jack McCONNELL
Jack HARTWELL
Lionel FRAPPELL

MAN Fullback
EHAN Wing
RED Centre
Y (c) Centre
Wing
DNALD Five-eigh
GUINESS Half
N Lock
Second R
INNELL Second R
WELL Front Ro

Fullback Alf SPRING
Wing Garnet BRAYBROOK
Centre Frank GILMORE
Centre Keith ELLIS (c)
Wing John ALLEYNE
Five-eighth J McREAVIE
Half E CADMAN
Lock G MANSFIELD
Second Row Gordon McLENNAN

Front Row Clarrie TUPPER
Hooker Clarrie STEVENSON
Front Row Jack DAVIES

Tries Ray HINES (2)
Alan BRADY
Jack McCONNE

Jack McCONNELL Alec McDONALD Vince SHEEHAN Stan TANCRED

Don MURRAY

Garnet BRAYBROOK

Keith ELLIS G MANSFIELD

Goals Alec McDONALD (2) John ALLEYNE (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: V Sheehan, A Brady (capt), S Tancred, R Hines; halves: A McDonald, A McGuiness; forwards: B Green, J McConnell, M Gray, D Murray, L Frappell, J Hartwell

Newtown: Full-back: A Spring; three-quarters: G Braybrook, F Gilmore, K Ellis (capt), J Alleyne; halves: J McReavie, E Cadman; forwards: G Mansfield, L Bull, G McLennan, C Tupper, C Stevenson, J Davies **Referee: L Deane** (Rugby League News 21st July 1934)

... The forwards, with McConnell and Gray the only regular first grade representatives, safely held the opposing vanguard. McGuiness and McDonald proved able halves in the absence of Mead and Hey, combining cleverly, McDonald making several penetrating dashes. In the second half Tancred was too elusive for the Newtown inside backs and most of the success was due to his spirited dash, Hines' determined running upon the right flank had the defence tested continually and Brady, although he badly spoiled a certain try, was always to the fore. Sharman made a safe full-back, catching well and coolly repulsing attacks. Following a period of desultory play Brady fielded a kick by Spring and broke away. On went the ball to McDonald and Tancred the latter running Sheehan into position for a perfect pass. The winger went fast with Ellis and Spring coming across but he was able to break through the full-back's tackle to score In the corner. Tancred then raced clean through the defence from thirty yards out to score near the posts and McDonald converted. Speedy penetration again enabled Tancred to gain a favourable opening for Brady who had too much pace for pursuers and he added the next try, McDonald again converted. After the bell had sounded for half time Frappell secured, and with the opposition hanging off, he sent Hines the ball for the winger to score. This gave Western Suburbs a lead of 10 points to nil.

..... A dropped pass was seized by Braybrook and he passed infield to Cadman. On went the ball to Mansfield who scored in an easy position and Alleyne converted. The latter followed this success with a neat penalty goal.The siege was turned to the other flank, Hines doggedly forcing his way through and sending McConnell across. Respite was gained by Newtown and McReavie timed a reverse piss nicely to Braybrook who had come infield and he raced for the line with the defence beaten. Alleyne converted. Hines then came down the wing in a spectacular sprint and kicked. The ball bounced favourably; he outdistanced Spring and others in the race to the line. McDonald gained the next try when he cut through from a scrum. A few minutes before the final bell, a raid by Newtown terminated when Ellis dashed through an opening to score, near the posts and Alleyne added the goal to finish the match leaving Western Suburbs victorious by eight points. (The Sydney Morning Herald 16th July 1934)

With five of their representatives touring with the State team, Wests were considerably weakened last Saturday, when Frank Sponberg, Bob Lindfield and Alan Blake were compelled to notify the selectors that they were unable to take the field as a result of injuries and sickness. ... Don Murray, taking the place of Alan Blake, in Wests' front row against Newtown, made a very successful debut in first grade company (Rugby League News 21st July 1934)

Notes: There were more debut players in this match with Lionel Frappell in for Lindfield and Don Murray for Alan Blake. Tancred and Brady were both stars again and led the new players with inspiration. It was also the best game so far for Ray Hines who showed a lot of dash on the left wing. After coming out of the blocks to lead 16-0 at half-time, Wests were always in control. This was now 11 in a row, including two wins without their stars.

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