



1939 Round 12 Saturday 15th July Pratten Park



St George 17

Jack WEDGWOOD
 Charlie HAZELTON
 Jack LINDWALL
 Gordon HART
 Jack BATES
 Sid LOUDOUN
 Alby MCANDREW
 Reg HOPKINSON
 Neville SMITH (c)
 Len KELLY
 Jim SCHUBACK
 Herb GILBERT
 Tom HAYWOOD

def.

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

Western Suburbs 14

Jim SHARMAN
 Harry ALLEN
 Fred BABER
 Cal LYNCH
 Colin FEWTRELL
 Jack TISDALE
 Albert McGUINNESS (c)
 Ron CAMPBELL
 Don GULLIVER
 Stan SIMPSON
 Ken LOCK
 Alex PATRICK
 Jack PIPER



Tries Charlie HAZELTON
 Jack LINDWALL
 Neville SMITH

Harry ALLEN
 Don GULLIVER

Goals Neville SMITH (4)

Albert McGUINNESS (2)
 Stan SIMPSON (1)
 Jim SHARMAN (1) Field Goal

Match Description

St George: Full-back: J Wedgwood; three-quarters: C Hazelton, J Lindwall, G Hart, J Bates; halves: S Loudoun, A McAndrew; forwards: R Hopkinson, L Kelly, N Smith (capt), T Hayward, H Gilbert, J Schuback

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: H Allen, F Baber, C Lynch, C Fewtrell; halves: J Tisdale, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: R Campbell, D Gulliver, S Simpson, K Lock, A Patrick, J Piper **Referee: J Bates (Rugby League News 22nd July 1939)**

Western Suburbs opened the scoring in sensational fashion. From the kick-off Wedgwood secured and kicked high up-field, Sharman took the ball near half-way and running a few yards drop-kicked a perfect field goal. Western Suburbs 2, St. George nil. St. George then attacked strongly and carried play within a few yards of Wests' line. Wests was penalised and Smith kicked an easy goal St. George 2, Western Suburbs 2. The game was fast and fortunes changed quickly. Good runs by Hart and Bates brought St. George back into its opponents' territory. Western Suburbs was penalised and Smith kicked a fine goal, St. George 4, Western Suburbs 2. From the kick-out St. George was penalised and Simpson levelled the scores. Western Suburbs 4, St. George 4. In a scramble, Smith secured and hustled his way over. The same player also converted. St. George 9, Western Suburbs 4. It was Western Suburbs turn now and the home side was unlucky not to score when McGuinness secured from a scrum, sent to Tisdale, who cut through grandly and went hard for the line. He was apparently tackled inches from his objective. St. George was given a penalty and the referee came in for a storm of hooting from the crowd. A fine St. George try came, when Hazelton started a movement near his own goal-line. Going round to the other wing, he passed several opponents and reaching half-way, kicked. Fewtrell fumbled and Hart got to the ball, sent to Lindwall, who broke through, sent to Loudoun, who gave it back to Lindwall, who scored. Smith failed. St. George 12, Western Suburbs 4. Allen looked dangerous when he came through at halfway, but slipped. However, the score for Western Suburbs came a moment later when McGuinness kicked the penalty goal. St. George 12, Western Suburbs 6. Schuback picked up from a ruck near half-way, sent to Lindwall, who made a fine opening, passing to Hazelton, who had too much pace for his opponents. Smith converted. St. George 17, Western Suburbs 6. Half-time scores: — St. George 17, Western Suburbs 6.

.... Allen ran along the wing, and, evading several opponents, came to the full-back, but Gulliver failed to take the pass and a certain try was lost. McGuinness secured from a scrum near half-way, came round the blindside, cut in nicely, passed to Gulliver, on to Simpson who, brushing aside two would-be tacklers, ran to the full-back and gave to Allen who scored. Simpson failed. St. George 17, Western Suburbs 9. Western Suburbs fought hard and when St. George was penalised McGuinness kicked high and under the post. Gulliver got to it and in a scramble scored. McGuinness converted. St. George 17, Western Suburbs 14. Western Suburbs tried hard in the last few minutes and tempers became ragged. Twice the game was held up while the referee meted out cautions. **(The Sun 15th July 1939)**

Jack Tisdale has certainly sharpened up the attack, his own try on Saturday being a gem..... The new rake – Alf Patrick – along with those fine props, Ken Lock and Jack Piper, are serving up a fair share of the ball from the scrums, thus giving “Podgy” and Co. a chance to show something that Jimmy Craig has taught them. **(Rugby League News 5th August 1939)**

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Notes: Ron Campbell was back as lock in a very closely contested match. There were lots of cautions issued as the packs went head to head. Wests had at last become a very competitive team. The scoring was opened by yet another great Jim Sharman field goal, this time from half-way. Wests were attacking hard as the final bell sounded.