



# 1943 Round 12 Saturday 17th July Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 16

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## Eastern Suburbs 0

Ron MARTIN  
 Bruce BROWN  
 Jack SNARE  
 Jack WHITEHURST (c)  
 Ron FIELDS  
 Ron RIDLEY  
 Albert McGUINNESS  
 Arthur CLUES  
 Fred McKEAN  
 George LUCAS  
 Ron CAMPBELL  
 Neville SPENCE  
 Fred FAYERS

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

Tim ALLEN  
 Harry O'BRIEN  
 Tommy KAINE  
 Paul TIERNEY  
 Jack WILLIAMS  
 Wally O'CONNELL  
 Bert COWLEY  
 Len PORTSMOUTH  
 Don GULLIVER  
 Harry PIERCE(c)  
 Doug FRY  
 Tom CHILVERS  
 Wally REES



**Tries** George LUCAS  
 Arthur CLUES  
 Bruce BROWN  
 Jack SNARE

**Goals** Ron MARTIN (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: R Martin; three-quarters: B Brown, J Snare, J Whitehurst, R Fields; halves: A McGuinness, R Ridley; forwards: A Clues, G Lucas, F McKean, F Fayers, N Spence, R Campbell

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: T Allen; three-quarters: H O'Brien, T Kaine, C Tierney, J Williams; halves: W O'Connell, B Cowley; forwards: L Portsmouth, D Gulliver, H Pierce (capt) D Fry, T Chilvers, W Rees **Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News 31st July 1943)**

Wests caused one of the season's' greatest turn-ups by 'white-washing' E. Suburbs 16-0. They had only 12 men on the field in the second half. The locals gave their finest display of the season and the scores at the close were a true reflex of the merits of the teams on the day. ...Wests' backs and forwards literally ran the tricolors into the ground. J. Snare, who was a last-minute replacement, was the best back on the ground. Despite having appeared with the Reserves, he was speedy, resourceful and tricky in attack. R. Fields and B. Brown were elusive and dashing in attack and A. McGuinness played his best game for some time. Clues was the outstanding forward of the match, displaying remarkable football intuition and initiative. Lucas and Fayres were always prominent. ... **(Truth 18th July 1943)**

The discarded selectors were the first to congratulate Western Suburbs players on their brilliant 16-0 win over Eastern Suburbs at Pratten Park yesterday. Earlier in the week the players passed a vote of no-confidence in the selectors, and the teams were picked by coach Alf Blair. Wests were successful in the three grades for the first time this season. J. Snare (wing) and R. Ridley (five-eighth) played in the reserve and first grade matches. Snare scored two runaway tries, one in the reserve game — in which he ran 60 yards — and one in the main game. West's brilliant forward, F. McKean, broke a collarbone midway through the first half. **(The Daily Telegraph 18th July 1943)**

..... McKean was hurt in the tackle and had to leave the field with a broken collarbone McGuinness got away well from a scrum and sent to Clues, to Lucas, who scored for Martin to add the extras. Wests 5-nil. Wests went further ahead when Clues took the ball through on his toes. The bounce favoured him and he scored under the post. Martin goaled. Wests 10-nil. Half-time Scores: Wests 10.Easts nil. Martin beat a couple of tacklers and in-passed to Snare on to Brown, who crossed. Martin failed to convert. Wests 13-nil. Cowley missed from a penalty near the half-way line. Despite the loss of McKean. Wests continued to have the better of the game. Martin missed along-range shot, at goal from a penalty. Another try came to Wests when McGuinness broke away from a ruck and, coming to Allen, he gave a perfect pass to Snare, who scored. Martin failed to convert. Wests, 10-nil. **(The Sun 17th July 1943)**

All Rugby League followers will be sorry to hear of Freddy McKean's accident. Fred has been for years one of our best club-men. Never misses a night's training, ready to play in any grade he is selected in, and to sum up the expressions of his fellow players, he is a real footballer, who plays the game for the game's sake. **(Rugby League News 24th July 1943)**

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**Notes:** This match was a very big upset win by Wests, which had been preceded by drama earlier in the week. The players had passed a vote of no-confidence in the Selection Committee and the coach, "Smacker" Blair picked the team. He seemed to know what he was doing. Jack Snare made a brilliant debut after playing in Reserve Grade and Ron Ridley also backed up. "Podgy" McGuinness was back to his brilliant best and Arthur Clues was also outstanding. Fred McKean broke his collar-bone half-way through the first half. Wests played with 12 men, adding to the merit of the win.