



# 1940 Round 12 Saturday 20th July Pratten Park



## Eastern Suburbs 16

def.

## Western Suburbs 12

Doug BARTLETT  
 Rod O'LOAN  
 Kevin MCLEAN  
 Dave BROWN  
 Stan CALLAGHAN  
 Fred MAY  
 Sel LISLE  
 Andy NORVAL  
 Joe PEARCE  
 Henry PIERCE  
 Jack ARNOLD  
 John CLARKE  
 Ray STEHR (c)

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

Bill KEATO  
 Bruce BROWN  
 Jack WHITEHURST  
 Cal LYNCH  
 Harry ALLEN  
 Jack GRAHAME/KNOX  
 Albert McGUINNESS  
 Max GRAY (c)  
 Don GULLIVER  
 Fred MCKEAN  
 Jack SCHUBACK  
 Edward MEWTON  
 Jack PIPER



**Tries** Henry PIERCE (3)  
 Sel LISLE

Harry ALLEN  
 Max GRAY

**Goals** Doug BARTLETT (2)

Bill KEATO (3)

### Match Description

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: D Bartlett; three-quarters: R O'Loan, D Brown (capt), R Dunn, S Callaghan; halves: F May, S Lisle; forwards: A Norval, S Pearce, H Pierce, J Arnold, J Clarke, R Stehr

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: H Allen, J Whitehurst, C Lynch, B Brown; halves: J Grahame, A McGuinness; forwards: M Gray (capt), F McKean, D Gulliver, J Piper, E Mewton, J Schuback **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 27th July 1940)**

The best individual effort of the match, however, must be credited to skipper, Max Gray, and, as it resulted in a try, must be given meritorious mention. Max received the ball on his own side of half-way, sped down the touchline, brushed off would-be tacklers, and, reaching the full-back, short-punted over his head. In the ensuing race for the ball, Max sustained his pace, dived on the ball for a try, and rendered himself hors-de-combat; but Max says the result was worth the effort.....Harry Allen scored a very spectacular try against Eastern Suburbs last Saturday – a purely individual effort that gained full points. Picking up a dropped pass near half-way, he quickly ran into top speed, and eluding half-a-dozen defenders, swerved past half-back Bartlett, to score near the posts for Billy Keato to convert. A good effort. **(Rugby League News 27th July 1940)**

Wests went within an ace of toppling Easts at Pratten Park in a game that was colourless and devoid of thrills in the first spasm, but finished in a blaze of glory after lemons. Final scores were Easts 16-12. After sitting pat on a commanding lead of 16 to 2 shortly after changing ends, the Tricolors wondered what struck them. The locals, urged on by their partisans, launched massed attacks from all directions. They made Easts' 'Two Ton' pack of forwards run about in circles. They kept up this incessant onslaught till no side, collecting a valuable 10 points by brilliant football. The two tries scored during this hectic period were the gems of the match. Allen, on the flank, chipped in a movement, snapped up a dropped pass, sighted an opening a yard wide, rushed through, and swerved past Bartlett to score. The individualism in Max Gray's was more pronounced. Receiving a transfer in his own 25, he ran resolutely, brushing off a couple of tackles, short punted past Bartlett, sprinted after it, gathered near the corner to dive across hors-de-combat. Harry Pierce must have created a record for a forward. Following his four tries last match, he scored a further three beauties yesterday. In addition, this nippy and versatile footballer was the most outstanding player in the match. Referee Bishop made a grave error in allowing Pierce's second try in the first half. Callaghan was unquestionably tackled and half on the ground when he passed to Pierce, who crossed. As no goal resulted, this did not affect the result; nevertheless the ref. was roundly hooted by the local fans. The ref. also jolted the game too much in the first half, with a crop of meaningless penalties, then when the heat was on in the second spasm he should never have allowed three and four players to wrestle for possession standing up. Both full-backs played superb football, being safe and kicking with judgment. Keato booted three goals, while his vis-a-vis kicked a field goal and converted, a try. Lisle and May were a great combination behind the winner's pack. Lisle scored a clever try and varied his play with skill and cunning. Brown was patchy, while O'Loan and Callaghan shone on occasions. Andy Norval was like the Rock of Gibraltar in defence, besides being in everything of note in attack. Clark and Pearce were also often prominent. 'Porky' McGuinness was again Wests' outstanding player. He was ubiquitous in attack and defence. Whitehurst tackled like a Trojan throughout. Gray particularly, Mewton and Gulliver were the pick of a rejuvenated sextet of forwards. **(Truth 21st July 1940)**

**Notes:** This was another typical roughhouse Easts-Wests game. There were many cautions handed out as the game became very tight in the last twenty minutes. Wests had lost plenty of games in the season but had been very competitive in most of them and this was no exception. One of Pierce's tries was a definite no-try so the match was even tighter than the final score. "Podgy" McGuinness was again the star for Wests but both of Wests' tries were brilliant individual efforts, particularly Max Gray's.