



1933 Round 13 Saturday 12th August Pratten Park



Eastern Suburbs 15

def.

Western Suburbs 10

Tom DOWLING
 Fred TOTTEY
 Harleigh HANRAHAN
 Laurie WARD
 Harold THOMPSON
 Ernie NORMAN
 Bob HALLOWAY
 E WOOD
 Les ROGERS (c)
 John CLARKE
 Max NIXON
 Sam BRYANT
 Bill DWYER

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

Tom MAGNUS
 Les MIDSON
 Cec ANDERTON
 Cliff DEEGAN
 Sen BLACK
 Stan TANCREED
 Albert McGUINESS
 Frank SPONBERG
 Jack McCONNELL
 Bert GREEN
 Bill BROGAN (c)
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Charlie CORNWELL



Tries Ernie NORMAN (2)
 E WOOD

Stan TANCREED
 Charlie CORNWELL

Goals Tom DOWLING (3)

Bill BROGAN (2)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: T Dowling; three-quarters: F Tottey, H Hanrahan, L Ward, H Thompson; halves: E Norman, R Halloway; forwards: L Rogers (capt), E Wood, J Clarke, M Nixon, S Bryant, W Dyer

Western Suburbs: Full-back: T Magnus; three-quarters: S Black, C Deegan, C Anderton, L Midson; halves: S Tancred, A McGuinness; forwards: F Sponberg, J McConnell, E Green, W Brogan (capt), R Lindfield, C Cornwell **Referee: W Fry (The Rugby League News 26th August 1933)**

In a keen rugged game Eastern Suburbs was rather fortunate to prevail. The dominating factor of the match was the strong wind that swept the ground and played havoc with both passing and kicking movements. Eastern Suburbs won the toss and had the advantage of the wind in the first half and made good use of it. Western Suburbs, on the other hand, persisted in kicking against the breeze and lost much ground. Eastern Suburbs scored practically from the kick off. Black on the wing for Wests failed to gather a pass and Norman snapped up and crossed. Dowling goaled .The Western Suburbs forwards were getting a big share of the ball from the scrums through the excellent raking of Lindfield and this coupled with the frequent penalties given against their opponents should have brought points to the side. Anderton, Cornwell (on several occasions), Brogan Deegan and McGuinness all failed to put the ball through the posts. Sponberg was dropped back and figured as an extra full back as a move to offset the wind advantage but he mostly hovered around the regular custodian Magnus and seemed all at sea. Lindfield was penalised for feet up in the scrum in his own 25 and Dowling kicked an excellent goal. Wood crossed after Magnus had misfielded and again Dowling converted. Tancred opened Western Suburbs scoring with a neat try. He received from a scrum in the opposing 25 yards and ran through. Brogan goaled from in front of the posts. Half time came with the scores Eastern Suburbs 12 Western Suburbs 5.

Cornwell scored under the posts and again Brogan goaled.Norman completed the scoring with a second try, Dowling missing the goal. Magnus, Deegan and McGuinness did best for Western Suburbs in the backs, Deegan, a recruit from the Junior ranks, made a promising entry into grade ranks. McGuinness was the best back on the field. Lack of support on several occasions was responsible for loss of points after a dash by this elusive half back. The Western Suburbs forwards outplayed their opponents. Cornwell, Brogan and McConnell repeatedly busted their way through the Eastern Suburbs defence and Lindfield almost monopolised the raking of the ball. In the scrums, Wood, Bryant and Rogers did best for the winners. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 14th August 1933)**

".....The loss of these stars has never been made good, the connecting links behind the pack being changed almost in every match. Stan Tancred has been a good find, and he played his part nobly throughout; but constant changes upset the players, and it is only now, when too late, that team work is in evidence. Bill Brogan has, as always, given of his best, C Cornwell, Frank Sponberg and J McConnell being his best supports; Bob Lindfield did more than his share in gaining possession in the scrums. In looking forward to next season Wests have the comforting thought that the five reps will make the nucleus of another great side, and once more the black and white will be up-sides with the leaders in the premiership race. **(Rugby League News 26th August 1933)**

Notes: The crowd of 3,000 stood in silence for Ray Morris before this match. Cliff Deegan, from Homebush Juniors, made his debut, replacing Alan Brady, and made a good impression, although he missed a couple of shots at goal. Lindfield completely dominated the scrums but the extra possession couldn't be turned into points. It was a rugged, tough game which was played in a strong wind. Sponberg played as an extra full-back for a time, apparently shielding Tom Magnus, who was struggling. Albert McGuinness was the best back on the field and was already starting to show his class. The key factor was the continued missing of goals – it had cost three matches in a row.