



1939 Round 14 Saturday 12th August Belmore Sports

Canterbury 32

def.

Western Suburbs 5

Alan KENT
Edgar NEWHAM
Jim CHAMPION
Alan BRADY (c)
Joe GARTNER
Roy McCARTER
Ted ANDERSON
Frank SPONBERG
Jim McCORMACK
Bob ALLISON
Eddie BURNS
Roy KIRKALDY
Henry PORTER

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

Jim SHARMAN
Harry ALLEN
Cal LYNCH
Colin FEWTRELL
Henry MARTIN
Jack TISDALE
Albert McGUINESS (c)
Ron CAMPBELL
Stan SIMPSON
Don GULLIVER
Ken LOCK
Edward MEWTON
Jack PIPER



Tries

Edgar NEWHAM (2)
Ted ANDERSON
Alan BRADY
Joe GARTNER
Roy McCARTER
Henry PORTER
Frank SPONBERG

Stan SIMPSON

Goals

Henry PORTER (2)
Jim CHAMPION (1)
Tom KIRK (1)

Jim SHARMAN (1)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: A Kent; three-quarters: J Gartner, A Brady (capt), J Champion, E Newham; halves: E Anderson, R McCarter; forwards: F Sponberg, R Allison, J McCormack, E Burns, R Kirkaldy, H Porter

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: H Allen, C Lynch, C Fewtrell, H Martin; halves: J Tisdale, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: D Gulliver, R Campbell, S Simpson, K Lock, E Mewton, J Piper **Referee: J McCauley (Rugby League News 19th August 1939)**

.... Two penalties put Western Suburbs well on the offensive. Burns was then sent off. McGuinness gathered the ball from a ruck and Burns, coming through, kicked as McGuinness slipped to the ground, his boot striking McGuinness's body. McGuinness resumed within a few seconds. Gartner gathered the ball near half-way and eluding four defenders with a glorious sidestepping run went in for the try near the posts. Porter converted, and Canterbury led 5 to nil. Anderson and Champion took the ball to the Western Suburbs 25, and it was only a few seconds later that Anderson went in for a try after getting the ball from McCarter from a scrum. Porter again converted. Canterbury 10, Western Suburbs nil.

... Half-time scores: Canterbury-Bankstown 13, Western Suburbs, nil.

.... Brady and Newham took the ball right round to the Western Suburbs' line, where from a ruck Porter crossed for a try. When Kent kicked the goal, Canterbury led 18 to nil. From a scrum the ball went from McGuinness to Tisdale. That man reverse-passed to Lynch, who went ahead, to send Simpson over for the try. Tisdale failed to convert, and Canterbury was in front, 18 to 3. But it was only a few seconds before Canterbury was in again. McCarter, Newham. Gartner, and Brady handled surely from a scrum in the Western Suburbs 25, the last-named scoring wide out. Kent missed the goal. Canterbury-Bankstown 21, Western Suburbs 3. Western Suburbs' turn came and from a penalty well out, Sharman dropped -kicked a nice goal for Canterbury to lead 21 to 5. McCarter put Canterbury further ahead when getting the ball from a scrum near the Western Suburbs' 25; he dummied his way for a try. Newham just missed the goal. Canterbury 24, Western Suburbs 5. Following a great run by Gartner, after which he punted on Sponberg gathered to score near the posts. This time Kirkaldy missed the goal. Canterbury 27, Western Suburbs 5. A few seconds later Canterbury was again in when Kent ran the ball well down-field, to send on to Newham who scored between the posts. Champion converted, and Canterbury led 32 to 5. **(The Sun 12th August 1939)**

The season in retrospect has provided very improved football throughout the various grades, and gave hope to the thought that next year we would have been able to field a particularly strong team to uphold the prestige of Australia, but due to the unfortunate International position that we find ourselves in at the present time the whole future of both home, and International sport, is in abeyance, and we can only trust that a silver lining may be found in the dark war clouds hovering over the world, and that we may be spared the awful catastrophe that befell the world in the dark days of 1914-1918 – a period that took full toll of the flower of manhood the world over. **(Rugby League News 9th September 1939)**

Notes: This was a disappointing end to the season, as Canterbury had a man sent off and yet beat Wests convincingly with only 12 men. The Wests Third Grade went on to win the Grand Final 28-7 over North Sydney in one bright spot. The warning on WW2 was very prophetic.