



1933 Round 14 Saturday 19th August Pratten Park



St George 31

def.

Western Suburbs 10

Stan ROBINSON
 Len BRENNAN
 Bernie MARTIN
 Norm TIPPING
 Max HOLLINGSWORTH
 Harry KADWELL (c)
 Richard DALY
 Bill KILLIBY
 Len KELLY
 Alan WOODS
 Alan SPROUSTER
 Percy FAIRALL
 Tom HAYWOOD

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

Tom MAGNUS
 Les MIDSON
 Cec ANDERTON
 Reg "Mick" SMITH
 Sen BLACK
 Stan TANCREED
 Albert McGUINNESS
 Frank SPONBERG
 Jack McCONNELL
 Bert GREEN
 Bill BROGAN (c)
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Charlie CORNWELL



Tries

Len BRENNAN (2)
 Bernie MARTIN (2)
 Percy FAIRALL
 Tom HAYWOOD
 Norm TIPPING

Les MIDSON
 Stan TANCREED

Goals

Harry KADWELL (5)

Charlie CORNWELL (1)
 Reg "Mick" SMITH (1)

Match Description

St George: Full-back: Stan Robinson; three-quarters: R Martin, N Tipping, M Hollingsworth, L Brennan; halves: H Kadwell (capt), R Daly; forwards: W Killiby, A Woods, L Kelly, A Sprouster, P Fairall, T Haywood

Western Suburbs: Full-back: T Magnus; three-quarters: S Black, M Smith, C Anderton, L Midson; halves: S Tancred, A McGuinness; forwards: F Sponberg, J McConnell, B Green, W Brogan (capt), R Lindfield, C Cornwell **Referee: H Irvine (Rugby League News 2nd September 1933)**

After an even first half, in which at one stage they actually assumed the lead, the Western Suburbs men fell away, and in the concluding stages St George completely overwhelmed them. St George attacked from the kick-off, and Tipping got across, but was recalled for off-side play. Haywood, however, picked up in the loose almost immediately afterwards and scored. In another movement, Daley and Tipping engaged in a hand-to-hand burst, from which Martin eventually scored. Robinson failed to convert these tries. Midson opened the scoring for Western Suburbs. The winger snapped up in a scramble near the St George line, and crossed. Smith missed the goal. The home side took the lead when Tancred, in a lone effort, outstripped the field to score under the posts, and Smith goaled. Cornwell kicked a good penalty goal, and Western Suburbs had a handy lead, 10 to 6. St George replied with a neat try. Hollingsworth gained a lot of ground and gave to Fairall, who ran across between the posts. Kadwell converted, and St George had regained the lead, 11 to 10. These were the half-time scores.

Western Suburbs failed to score in the second half; but St George added 20 points. The winners' centre men were far too solid for their opponents, while the wingers showed resource in launching attacking movements from defensive positions. Tipping, who figured in place of Ward, gave a good exhibition. He revelled in the hard play, and was unlucky not to score on occasions. Martin and Brennan each scored two tries, and both took a lot of pulling down when in possession. Kadwell and Daley were a better combination than McGuinness and Tancred. Daley showed a rare turn of speed, and repeatedly caught Tancred in possession. This nullified to a great extent the advantage that Western Suburbs usually held from the excellent raking of Lindfield. Smith, originally selected as full-back for the thirds, was the pick of the Western Suburbs' three-quarter line. Robinson overshadowed Magnus. Both full-backs handled excellently, but the former showed better judgement in his line-kicking. The forwards waged a hard and relentless battle, and cautions were given to several players for rough and illegal play. Fairall, Haywood, and Killiby were the pick of the St George pack, while Brogan, Cornwell and Green stood out for Western Suburbs. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 21st August 1933)**

Notes: This loss meant that Wests had lost every match since their five Kangaroo stars had left. On the plus side it meant that a lot of young players who would become significant future contributors had been blooded. Wests held their own early but were completely overrun in the second half. A feature of the season was the complete dominance of Lindfield in the scrums. It was a complete mystery as to why he wasn't on the Kangaroo tour himself. There is a discrepancy between all newspaper reports on this game and the Annual Report. The Annual Report has R Smith playing one First Grade game, not M Smith. The mystery was solved when it was found that Reginald Smith was more commonly known as "Mick" Smith. He came into this match to replace Alan Brady in the centre. He had kicked goals in the lower grade and kicked a goal in this match.