

1940 Round 14 Saturday 3rd August Hurstville Oval

St George 31 def. Western Suburbs 15

Jack WEDGWOOD **Fullback BILL KEATO** Bruce BROWN Charlie HAZELTON Wing Obe KEIGHTLEY Centre Jack WHITEHURST Gordon HART Centre Cal LYNCH Col MAXWELL Wing Harry ALLEN Ron FREDERICKSON Five-eighth Ron RIDLEY Alby McANDREW Half Albert McGUINESS **Reg HOPKINSON** Lock Max GRAY (c) Neville SMITH (c) Second Row George LUCAS Len KELLY Second Row Fred McKEAN Jim SCHUBACK Front Row Jack SCHUBACK Herb GILBERT Hooker **Edward MEWTON** Cliff KELLY Front Row Jack PIPER

Tries Alby McANDREW (2) Jack SCHUBERT
Gordon HART (2) Bruce BROWN
Charlie HAZELTON Bill KEATO

Jim SCHUBACK Neville SMITH

Goals Neville SMITH (5) Bill KEATO (3)

Match Description

St George: Full-back: J Wedgwood; three-quarters: C Hazelton, G Hart, G Keightley, C Maxwell; halves: A McAndrew, R Frederickson; forwards: R Hopkinson, L Kelly, N Smith (capt), J Schuback, H Gilbert, C Kelly

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: H Allen, C Lynch, J Whitehurst, B Brown; halves: R Ridley, A McGuiness; forwards: M Gray (capt), G Lucas, F McKean, J Piper, E Mewton, J Schuback Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 10th August 1940)

About 3000 saw Keightley open the game for St George. Wests came again when McGuinness secured from a ruck and easily beat Frederickson before sending Jack Schuback over. Keato kicked the goal Western Suburbs 7, St. George 5. ... Although behind, St. George was having much the better of the play. Smith put St. George on equal terms with Wests with a fine penalty kick. Half-time scores: St. George 7, Western Suburbs 7 Hart broke through after receiving a pass from Keightley, and raced downfield before giving Hazelton a clear run to the line. Smith kicked a grand goal and St. George was ahead. St. George 12, Western Suburbs 7. McGuinness paved the way for a Western Suburbs try when he cut through brilliantly before sending a low pass to Brown, who flew down the wing and crossed in the corner. Keato's kick failed. St. George 12, Western Suburbs 10. St. George forged further ahead when Smith secured from a ruck to send Jim Schuback over. Smith kicked the goal. St. George 17, Western Suburbs 10. Mewton, who had been off the field receiving ambulance attention, now returned. St. George was over in the next minute when McAndrew and Maxwell exchanged passes for McAndrew to cross near the corner. Smith missed the goal. St. George 20, Western Suburbs 10. St. George was in again when Gilbert picked up in a ruck and passed to Smith, who dashed over. Smith converted. St. George 25, Western Suburbs 10. McAndrew dummied past two defenders and sent to Hart, who raced over. Smith failed, St. George 28, Western Suburbs 10. Gray put Wests on the attack, passing to McGuiness, who transferred to Keato, for the full-back to race 40 yards and cross in. Keato added the St. George 28. Western Suburbs 15. From a play-the-ball Hart secured, short-kicked and followed through, to regain possession and score. St. George 31, Western Suburbs 15. (The Sun 3rd August 1940)

The latest recruit to the A.I.F is Private Harry Allen, First Grade winger, who is at present in camp. Good luck, Harry.......The present epidemic of measles and flu caused quite an upset last Saturday as no less than four players were affected. This necessitated considerable shuffling and double-banking in the lower grades. Doug Rogers and Jim White played full-time in both the Reserve and Third Grade games, whilst K Woodcroft and Dave Colless played in the second half of the Third Grade game, and then took their place in the Reserve Grade line up. Their actions are deserving of commendation and show the right Club spirit. Thanks boys......Bruce Brown should have no reason for regret at the conclusion of his first season in senior football. Bruce has developed into a fine flankman, and with the experience gained, should be further improved by the time next season comes round. Scoring opportunities have not been plentiful in recent matches; but he had his reward on Saturday, when he scored a very fine try against St George. (Rugby League News 10th August 1940)

Notes: Wests ran with a strong breeze and it was 7-7 at half-time but St George ran over them in the second half as their condition ran out. Ron Ridley made his debut, while Keato went very well at full-back, his line kicking a feature. However, "Podgy" McGuiness capped off a great season by again being Wests' best. Note how Wests were being very affected by a measles outbreak. This was Harry Allen's last game as he joined the AIF. Wests now were the wooden-spooners and St George went on to the semi-finals.

WESTERN SUBURBS