



1943 Round 2 Saturday 1st May Pratten Park



St George 12

Ray LINDWALL
 R GILL
 Owen CAMPBELL
 Jack LINDWALL
 Noel JONES
 Alby McANDREW
 Bill MIDDLETON
 Bill McRITCHIE
 Herb GILBERT
 Spencer WALKLATE
 Neville SMITH (c)
 Len KELLY
 Ernest COLLIER

def.

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

Western Suburbs 3

Brian DAWSON *
 Bruce BROWN
 Jack WHITEHURST
 Bob ANDREWS
 Henry MARTIN
 Eric BENNETT (c)
 Albert McGUINNESS
 Arthur CLUES
 Gerald BEGLEY
 Fred McKEAN
 Wal TAYLOR
 William BROWN
 Ron CAMPBELL



Tries Alby McANDREW
 Len KELLY

Eric BENNETT

Goals Ray LINDWALL (3)

Match Description

St George: Full-back: R Lindwall; three-quarters: R Gill, O Campbell, J Lindwall, N Jones; halves: A McAndrew, H Middleton; forwards: W McRitchie, H Gilbert, S Walklate, N Smith, L Kelly (capt), W Collier

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Dawson; three-quarters: B Brown, J Whitehurst, R Andrews, H Martin; halves: E Bennett (capt), A McGuinness; forwards: A Clues, J Begley, F McKean, R Campbell, W Brown, W Taylor **Referee: J O'Brien (Rugby League News 8th May 1943)**

There was an attendance of 3500. Hasson was indisposed, and did not play. St. George attacked, but a penalty to Wests removed the pressure, Dawson finding touch at halfway. Play was kept at halfway, neither side being able to gain ground. Lindwall had a long-range shot at goal, but failed. From a penalty right in front Lindwall kicked an easy goal. St. George 2, Wests nil. Campbell was within an ace of scoring, but lost the ball as he was putting it over the line. Kelly scored an easy try. The ball was kicked over Wests' line. A couple of Wests' players tried to kick it dead, but Kelly was handy and scored. Lindwall kicked an excellent goal. Half-time Scores: St. George 7, Western Suburbs nil. Play was held up while water was thrown in McRitchie's face. He had been temporarily blinded. McAndrews scored, and Lindwall again converted. St. George 12, Wests nil. Bennett scored following some snappy passes among the backs. He failed to convert. St. George 12, Western Suburbs 3. **(The Sun 1st May 1943)**

.... The tackling of R Andrews and J Whitehurst (three-quarters) was a feature of Wests play. Half backs E Bennett and A McGuinness and B Dawson (substitute full back from the Reserves) shaped well and A Clues, R Campbell and F McKean were prominent in the forwards..... **(The Sydney Morning Herald 3rd May 1943)**

St George, due to the superior work of their heavier pack, whose members adapted themselves to necessary tactics, downed Wests 12-3 at Pratten Park yesterday. The return to their old battle ground didn't do the trick for Wests. ... Wests fared better in the second half, with Andrews, Bennett (backs), and Clues, McKean, Campbell and Begley (forwards) demonstrating sufficient ability which promises well for future encounters under better conditions. **(Truth 2nd May 1943)**

Lack of teamwork in the train of individual efforts cost Western Suburbs their Rugby League match yesterday. They were beaten 12-3 by St. George at Pratten Park. Several times Wests missed scoring when team solidarity would have meant success. St. George forwards, of whom McRitchie, Kelly, and Gilbert were outstanding, overshadowed the opposing pack, and dominated the scrums. Eric Bennett, who captained Wests as five-eighth, was the outstanding player on the ground. His try, scored towards the end of the game, was well deserved. D. Dawson, who stepped into Wests' full-back position, caused by the loss of Dick Johnson, gave an excellent display. He had many kicking duels with the St. George full-back, Ray Lindwall, and acquitted himself well. Wests were also without S. Isenhuth. H. Martin came into the team on the wing, and R. Andrews moved to inside centre from full-back. R. Hasson was unable to take the field for St. George, and his position at five-eighth was taken by W. Middleton. **(The Daily Telegraph 2nd May 1943)**

B Dawson, who was called upon to take the place of Dick Johnson, filled the position most capably; his kicking and catching of the wet ball was first class. **(Rugby League News 8th May 1943)**

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Notes: Bob Andrews, a goal-kicking centre, made his debut, and his tackling made a good impression. Brian Dawson took Dick Johnson's place at full-back and went well. * Brian Dawson was actually Brian Thompson, playing under a false name due to war-time work restrictions. Eric Bennett played a blinder but Wests just simply blew too many chances. Ron Campbell was over the line, for instance, and dropped the ball.