



1938 Round 2 Monday 25th April Belmore Oval



Canterbury 28

def.

Western Suburbs 3

Tom KIRK
Edgar NEWHAM
Jim CHAMPION
Alan BRADY (c)
Joe GARTNER
Roy McCARTER
Ted ANDERSON
Frank SPONBERG
Eddie BURNS
Henry PORTER
Jim McCORMACK
Roy KIRKALDY
Roy McCALLUM

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

Jim SHARMAN
Adrian GLEESON
Fred BABER
Ron KNIGHT
Colin FEWTRELL
Jack KNOX
Albert McGUINNESS
George LUCAS
Jack SCHUBACK
Don MURRAY
Jack RUBINSON
Ray WALDON
Athol SMITH



Tries Alan BRADY (3)
Eddie BURNS
Jim CHAMPION
Edgar NEWHAM

Athol SMITH

Goals Tom KIRK (3)
Roy McCARTER (2)

Match Description

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

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman (capt); three-quarters: A Gleeson, F Baber, R Knight, C Fewtrell; halves: J Knox, A McGuinness; forwards: G Lucas, J Schuback, D Murray, J Rubinson, R Waldon, A Smith **Referee: A Davis (Rugby League News 7th May 1938)**

After a sensational game, in which players hurled themselves into the fray as if life or death depended on the result, Canterbury-Bankstown finished an easy winner at Belmore. Players of both teams early resorted to "spotting" tactics, and it seemed that unless strict discipline was observed there might be serious trouble. Many cautions were administered by Referee Davis, and eventually three players were ordered off. Some others were fortunate to escape the penalty. McGuinness (WS five-eighth) was assisted off, suffering with a head injury. The Canterbury-Bankstown players produced all their skill as the game developed and at half-time they held a commanding lead of 14 points to nil. The play in the first half failed to impress. Both teams kicked indiscriminately and the strong wind seemed to give rise to much scrum work, causing frequent jolts. The home players scored four tries to nil in this half, but it was not until the second half that they showed what a sound combination they are. Served with a fair share of the ball, McCarter, Anderson, Champion and Brady cut holes in the defence and with a superior forward division Canterbury dominated the general play. Brady scored two spectacular tries in this half and only over-eagerness of Canterbury players on several occasions saved Wests from utter disgrace. H Porter, E Newham (CB) and A Gleeson (WS) were sent off the field and in the later stages the teams were reorganised. J McCormack (CB) was transferred to the wing and showed adaptability to the position....Sharman, Wests' captain and full-back, had an off-day. Smith, Schubert and Waldon (forwards) tried hard. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 26th April 1938)**

A crowd of about 6000 saw McGuinness kick-off for Wests. Canterbury-Bankstown, running with a strong breeze, was quickly on the offensive. Sharman miskicked through, and Newham picking up smartly, dashed for the line, and passed to Champion, who scored. Kirk failed at goal. Canterbury-Bankstown 3, Western Suburbs nil. ... Immediately after, Anderson picked up near half-way and dashed infield; he then made a dash to the right wing, reverse passed to Brady, to Newham, who crossed. Kirk failed at goal. Canterbury-Bankstown 6, Western Suburbs nil. McCarter secured from a scrum inside half-way, passed to Anderson, on to Brady, who made a glorious run and scored under the posts, McCarter converted. Canterbury-Bankstown 11, Western Suburbs nil. Canterbury-Bankstown was quickly attacking again. Gartner toed the ball downfield, picked up near the Western Suburbs goal-line and sent to Burns, who scored. Kirk missed the kick. Canterbury-Bankstown 14, Western Suburbs 0. Half-time scores: Canterbury-Bankstown 14. Western Suburbs nil. **(The Sun 25th April 1938)**

Notes: This was an absolute roughhouse game with three players; Henry Porter and Edgar Newham (Canterbury) and Adrian Gleeson (Wests) being sent off and "Podgy" McGuinness forced off with a head injury, reducing both teams to 11 men. With that extra space Alan Brady ran riot (How Wests would have loved him back!). Overall though, Canterbury were dominant and everyone seemed to struggle, even Sharman, who had an off day. Jack Rubinson from University made his debut as well as Colin Fewtrell who had played solidly in Reserves.