



# 1937 Round 3 Monday 26th April Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 25

def.

## University 10

Jim SHARMAN  
Adrian GLEESON  
Jack KNOX  
Cliff PEARCE (c)  
Ray HINES  
Albert McGUINNESS  
Les MEAD  
Don MURRAY  
Ray GILLAM  
Don GULLIVER  
Athol SMITH  
Ken LOCK  
Herbert HAAR

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

Fred HOMER  
Phil PARSONAGE  
Henry RATCLIFFE  
Frank O'HARA  
Michael MORAN  
Frank AINSWORTH (c)  
Tom CAREY  
Jack RUBINSON  
Hugh CAMPBELL  
Jack DAVIES  
James MARKS  
Frank LEARMOUTH  
Anthony BLOMGREN

### Tries

Ray HINES (3)  
Don MURRAY  
Athol SMITH

Tom CAREY  
Harry RATCLIFFE

### Goals

Les MEAD (5)

Tom CAREY (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: A Gleeson, C Pearce (capt), J Knox, R Hines; halves: A McGuinness, L Mead; forwards: D Murray, R Gillam; D Gulliver, A Smith, K Lock, H Haar

**University:** Full-back: F Homer; three-quarters: P Parsonage, H Ratcliffe, F O'Hara, M Moran; halves: F Ainsworth (capt), T Carey; forwards: A Blomgren, F Learmouth, J Marks, J Davies, B Campbell, J Rubinson **Referee: P Lee (Rugby League News 12th May 1937)**

4000 were present. Ainsworth won the toss and Mead kicked off with the breeze. Western Suburbs' tall hooker, Lock, won the first scrum. O'Hara was hurt, but resumed. After a few minutes of even play Mead had a penalty shot from just inside halfway and- hit the crossbar. A minute later he had another long penalty shot and again missed. .... University were infringing frequently. .... Wests carried play to University's 25 and Mead opened the score with a good penalty goal. Wests 2, University nil. Hines, who had been seen in several thrusts, eventually got over. He received from Mead and dashing down the touch-line veered in a little to score. Mead converted. Wests 7, University nil. University got their first penalty for a long time and Carey had a shot at goal from the 25 line, but missed. University scored a bright try in retaliation Ratcliffe started the move and handled the ball three times before scoring. O'Hara and Moran were the others to take a hand. Carey converted. Western Suburbs 7, University 5. Half-time scores:—Western Suburbs 7.University, 5.

As soon as they resumed University had a chance to level the scores, but Carey missed with a penalty. A fine burst by Ratcliffe put University on the offensive, but Wests counter-attacked. Mead short punted and Gillam gathered and sent to Gulliver, to Haar, out to Murray who went over in the corner. Mead converted from an awkward angle. Western Suburbs 12, University 5.... Next time Mead had a penalty shot he succeeded. Western Suburbs 14, University 6. Western Suburbs were now more convincing and wearing down the defence. Hines, with one of his forceful runs, broke through Moran's tackle, and scored in the corner. Mead converted. Western Suburbs 10, University 6. ....Hines got his next try after the ball had come from the other wing. Hines went through a bunch of opponents to dive across in the corner. Mead missed the goal. Western Suburbs 22, University 5. Ratcliff was injured in the knee and taken off. Carey picked up in the ruck and dashed across. Carey converted. Western Suburbs 22, University 10. Smith was next to cross. He followed on a high punt and outpaced the defence to score, Sharman failed with the kick. Full-time scores:—Western Suburbs 25, University 10 (**The Sun 26th April 1937**)

With a deficit of only two points at half-time, University felt encouraged, but the team offered little resistance to the Western Suburbs attacks in the concluding stages. Hines, on the wing, scored three tries for West, and his bumping runs deterred the University defence. In his last effort he shook off five defenders when close to the goal-line. Gaining possession from scrums more frequently than the University halves, Mead and McGuinness combined splendidly for Wests, and had centres Pearce and Knox crashing through weak defence, and enabling their flank men, Gleeson and Hines, to move ahead. Sharman, the full-back, frequently joined the three-quarter line in attack, and he exploited short grubber kicks. ...(**The Sydney Morning Herald 27th April 1937**)

**Notes:** This match was played after a two day back-up from Saturday. Ken Lock played a very strong match and was filling into the hooker role very well. Ray Hines was back to his best and University couldn't handle his incisive runs. Jim Sharman had now completely established himself as the full-back after the retirement of Frank McMillan.