



# 1939 Round 3 Saturday 29th April Sports Ground



## Eastern Suburbs 9

def.

## Western Suburbs 2

Jim NORTON  
 Rod O'LOAN  
 Lionel PAWLEY  
 Dick DUNN  
 Percy DERMOND  
 Ernie NORMAN  
 Fred ROBINSON  
 Andy NORVAL  
 Joe PEARCE  
 Henry PIERCE  
 Jack ARNOLD  
 Noel HOLLINGDALE  
 Ray STEHR (c)

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

Jim SHARMAN (c)  
 Fred BABER  
 Bill KEATO  
 Colin FEWTRELL  
 Bill PURCELL  
 Cal LYNCH  
 Albert McGUINNESS  
 Don GULLIVER  
 Edward MEWTON  
 Fred McKEAN  
 Don MURRAY  
 Ken LOCK  
 Jack PIPER



**Tries** Andy NORVAL  
 Henry PIERCE  
 Fred ROBINSON

**Goals** Bill KEATO (1)

### Match Description

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: J Norton; three-quarters: R O'Loan, L Pawley, E Dunn, P Dermond; halves: E Norman, F Robinson; forwards: A Norval, S Pearce, H Pierce, J Arnold, N Hollingdale, S Stehr (capt)

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Sharman (capt); three-quarters: W Purcell, W Keato, C Fewtrell, F Baber; halves: C Lynch, A McGuinness; forwards: D Gulliver, E Mewton, F McKean, D Murray, K Lock, J Piper **Referee: A Davis (Rugby League News 26th April 1939)**

Eastern Suburbs set the game going and from a scrum near the Western Suburbs 25, Robinson swung the ball to Dunn, to Norman, to Dermond, who was dropped. McGuinness then took play deep into Eastern Suburbs' territory. Western Suburbs were driven back and Pearce, and then Norman tried to force through. Pierce opened up an attack when he hurled the ball to Robinson on to Dermond. Two penalties took Eastern Suburbs further downfield, and then, from a scrum, Robinson bowled the ball across to his support and nearly let Wests through, Norman saving. Eastern Suburbs was nearly in after some individual efforts but O'Loan kicked and the ball went dead. First score went up when Keato kicked a penalty goal. Western Suburbs 2, Eastern Suburbs nil. Eastern Suburbs were finding it hard to keep Wests out. The ball went to McGuinness, to Faber and back to McGuinness, but Gulliver was tackled. Another fast attack by Wests with Lynch running well, failed, and then a change came over the game. Loose Eastern moves from their own side of half-way resulted in Pierce passing up from the ground to Norval who streaked for the line juggling the ball, to score a splendid try, but Norton missed the goal. Eastern Suburbs 3, Western Suburbs 2. Many penalties were helping the Western Suburbs players, but after some heavy forward work, Hollingdale bolted for a few yards. Before he was pulled down, he got the ball to Pierce, who, scored, Arnold failing to convert with a good attempt. Eastern Suburbs 6, Wests 2. Joe Pearce was cautioned, and then gale-driven rain swept the ground, driving the crowd under cover. Half-time scores; Eastern Suburbs 6, Western Suburbs 2.

Pawley did not go on the field in the second half, owing to a shoulder injury. Western Suburbs was penalised and Pearce kicked into touch on the Western Suburbs 25, where play remained for a while. The ball was heavy so Pearce was given a penalty kick but failed. Wests looked like scoring, but the inside men could not get the ball to Purcell when he had the try-line opening up before him. Eastern Suburbs kept hammering away, with the assistance of some penalties. Lock left the field with an injury. Then Robinson raced towards the corner, but Purcell hurled Pierce into touch. There was some wild work when Stehr was on the ground, and Western Suburbs was penalised. Eastern Suburbs kept attacking and Lynch made a fine run in an effort to get his side out of danger. Western Suburbs was again a little unlucky when, with the field wide open, handling errors with the slippery ball pulled up the runners. Mewton was sent off the field when he knocked over Robinson after the Eastern Suburbs half had kicked. Lynch suddenly appeared from among the forwards, and sent Robinson in for a grand try. Pearce failed to convert and Eastern Suburbs led 9 to 2. Eastern Suburbs was in Western Suburbs' territory when the final bell rang. **(The Sun 29th April 1939)**

.... McGuinness played well behind Wests' pack, and both full-backs. Norton and Sharman were in good form. **(Daily Telegraph May 1st 1939)**

**Notes:** Wests were very strong early in this game but blew a couple of tries. The heavy rain that fell half-way during the match, at the same time hooker Ken Lock was off injured, changed the match into a forward struggle where the Wests' backs, who were on top, were nullified. Ted Mewton was sent off for a heavy late tackle of the Easts half-back. A bit like sending off a lion for eating a gazelle! Another ex-Wests star, Jack Arnold, was playing for Easts.