



# 1938 Round 4 Saturday 7th May Cricket Ground



## South Sydney 8

def.

## Western Suburbs 4

Dick JOHNSON  
 Harold THOMSON  
 Fred FELSCH (c)  
 Bernard MURPHY  
 Don MANSON  
 Alan QUINLIVAN  
 Percy WILLIAMS  
 Ray BYRNE  
 Johnny BROWN  
 George KILHAM  
 Jack WALSH  
 Percy FAIRALL  
 Eddie HINSON

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

Jim SHARMAN (c)  
 Adrian GLEESON  
 Cec FIFIELD  
 Jack KNOX  
 Ernest MARTIN  
 Albert MCGUINNESS  
 Cal LYNCH  
 Don MURRAY  
 Jack SCHUBACK  
 Edward MEWTON  
 Jack RUBINSON  
 Ray WALDON  
 Athol SMITH



**Tries** Don MANSON (2)

**Goals** Percy WILLIAMS (1)

Cec FIFIELD (2)

### Match Description

**South Sydney:** Full-back: R Johnson; three-quarters: H Thompson, F Felsch (capt), B Murphy, D Manson; halves: P Williams, A Quinlivan; forwards: R Byrne, G Kilham, J Brown, J Walsh, P Fairall, E Hinson

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Sharman (capt); three-quarters: A Gleeson, J Knox, C Fifield, E Martin; halves: A McGuinness, C Lynch; forwards: D Murray, J Schuback, E Mewton, J Rubinson, R Waldon, A Smith **Referee: A Davis (Rugby League News 21st May 1938)**

After their recent games, even Wests' officials thought it would be no race. The usual 5000 crowd witnessed a hectic tussle, where the issue was in doubt right up to no-side. Congrats., Wests. The Magpies had themselves to blame, for Waldon served them up a feast of the pudden. South's custodian, Johnson, played a bobby-dazzler game. His fielding and catching were magnificent, while his long range kicking had Sharman all at sea. Skipper Felsch was a host in himself in the centre, his colleague, Murphy, on the other hand, was too butter-fingered. Manson gave a scintillating exhibition on the flank. Thompson, Williams and Quinlivan each played ably. Kilham and Walsh were tigers in rucks and loose. Brown and Fairall each played his part. For the losers, skipper Sharman was subdued and faulty. Fifield made a creditable 'comeback.' Without overexerting himself he proved an astute tactician. Lynch, from Temora, after a patchy start, made some resolute dashes in the second spasm. In one effort he beat man after man including the full-back, but was grassed from behind. 'Podgy' McGuinness displayed versatility and verve. Waldon, Smith and Mewton were a dashing trio of forwards and never let up. Smith was probably the outstanding forward on the ground. Bad refereeing errors, continual infringements and offside play, caused an insufferable amount of whistling that jarred throughout the game. **(Truth 8th May 1938)**

Following their recent disappointing displays, Western Suburbs rehabilitated themselves by a commendable and dashing display against South Sydney. Strengthened by the inclusion of the former International, C. Fifield, and C. Lynch, who returned from Temora, their football was marked by snap and versatility, so lacking in previous games. ... Lynch's form improved as the game progressed and towards the finish his football was brilliant. Fifield proved an able lender, setting his colleagues a good example with his energising methods. Waldon, Murray, and Smith were the pick of a virile and enterprising set of towards. **(Sydney Morning Herald 9th May 1938)**

We trust, with the inside backs getting a share of the ball, that the Temora lad (Cal Lynch) will be of great assistance both in attack and defence. In the past matches this position has been lamentably weak. **(Rugby League News May 7th 1938)** .....Cal. Lynch, the five-eighth making his debut on the Sydney Cricket Ground, did everything in a tradesmanlike manner, particularly that cut through in the final rally, when, after beating the field, he was pulled down from behind. A converted try would have meant victory. Souths were lucky to get away with it. The display of the forwards was 100% on their previous displays, and the winning of the ball from the scrums was an eye-opener..... The inclusion of Dick Fifield has shown good judgement, as on the field on Saturday he initiated movements that should have brought points, but the necessary pace was lacking. With better understanding among the players this fault will be remedied. **(Rugby League News 14th May 1938)**

**Notes:** Injuries forced a significant reshuffle of the team and it brought startling results in a game that Wests should have won. Cal Lynch from Temora made his debut and made a good impression. Adrian Gleeson was back replacing the badly injured Fred Baber. The remarkable aspect of this game, however, was the comeback of Cec (Dicky) Fifield. He had played in England in 1937 and came back to Wests as coach. Following the poor performances and the string of injuries, he decided to pull the boots on again. Remember that he first played for Wests in 1922 and played 50 First Grade games 1923-29. He then went to Balmain in 1930 and played for the Kangaroos! So 16 years after his first game with Wests he was back. Remarkable! Another good aspect of this game was that Ray Waldon won the scrums convincingly.