



1939 Round 5 Saturday 13th May Earl Park



St George 26

Jack WEDGWOOD
 Charlie HAZELTON
 Jack LINDWALL
 Gordon HART
 Jack BATES
 Ron FREDERICKSON
 Alby MCANDREW
 Reg HOPKINSON
 Neville SMITH (c)
 Len KELLY
 Jim SCHUBACK
 Herb GILBERT
 Alan BOLER

def.

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

Western Suburbs 8

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



Tries Charlie HAZELTON (4)
 Jack BATES
 Jim SCHUBACK

Colin FEWTRELL
 Cal LYNCH

Goals Neville SMITH (3)
 Alan BOLER (1)

Bill KEATO (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: D Colless, W Keato, C Fewtrell, W Purcell; halves: C Lynch, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: D Gulliver, E Mewton, F McKean, D Murray, K Lock, J Piper

St George: Full-back: J Wedgwood; three-quarters: C Hazelton, J Lindwall, G Hart, J Bates; halves: R Frederickson, A McAndrew; forwards: R Hopkinson, N Smith (c), L Kelly, A Boler, H Gilbert, J Schuback **Referee: P Lee (Rugby League News 3rd June 1939)**

Western Suburbs made spasmodic attacks against St George at Earl Park but the margin against the team 26-8 seemed a true reflex of the play. St George was never seriously threatened. The standard of play generally displayed by both teams was not up to expectations. This could be accounted for by the spotting tactics of the losers who were penalised several times for flagrant breaches of off-side play and the failure of the St George forwards to supply the usual defence for their halves McAndrew and Frederickson who were harassed throughout. St George led at the interval by 13 points to 8, each team having scored two tries. Wests were the first to cross the line. Keato made a resolute dash from inside the half way line, transferred to McGuinness to Gulliver to Mewton on to Lynch who scored. Dogged forward work, especially by Boler, Schuback, Smith and Gilbert enabled St George to open up play and give Bates who had transferred to the centre, opportunities to show his versatility. The second half opened in dreary fashion, being marked by defence which was in the ascendancy with West more convincing than opponents several of whom persisted with high tackles. However, play livened considerably following a grand dash by Lindwall who was extremely unlucky not to be rewarded with a try when after beating the field he made contact with the corner post. Immediately following this the same player went through near half-way, sent a high overhead pass to his winger Hazelton who finished one of the most spectacular runs seen on the ground. Beating player after player by his uncanny change of pace, together with a deceptive side step, he changed the whole character of the play. Hazelton was accorded a fine ovation and he followed his supreme effort with a further try, making four in all. Hazelton was the outstanding player although McGuinness the opposing captain and half back did a tremendous amount of effective work against big odds. Bates was also impressive. He wore an elastic band in order to support an old thigh muscle injury yet his straight running was a feature. Gulliver was the loser's best forward -prominent in loose play and inspiring in the ruck. He outplayed his opponent. Hopkinson, McKean and Lock gave good support. Keato, Lynch and Fewtrell were in form individually but co-ordinated back moves suffered, owing mainly to poor handling. Sharman (fullback) ran and kicked well but his defence was weak. He received a nasty cut over the eye late in the second half. About 5 000 witnessed the match. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 15th May 1939)**

.....Soon after resuming, St. George was unlucky not to score. McAndrew, Lindwall, and Hazelton figured, but the last-named lost the ball. Then came the highlight of the day. Wests had play right on St. George's line, and Lindwall secured, brushed aside Sharman, but Fewtrell caught him right in the corner. Hazelton received the ball in Wests' 25, and beating at least five would-be tacklers, scored under the posts. Smith converted. St. George 18, Western Suburbs 8. Fredrickson, securing In Wests' 25, cut in well and gave an easy pass to Hazelton who went over for his fourth try. Smith converted. St. George 23, Western Suburbs 8. Just before the final bell Sharman had to leave the field with a badly-cut eye. Bates, intercepting a pass at halfway, scored an easy try. Boler failed just as the final bell went. **(The Sun 13th May 1939)**

Notes: This was the debut of David Colliss, an Ex-Balmain player from 1936 and former Wests Junior. Wests were completely outplayed in this match although "Podgy" McGuinness was a standout for the losing team. Sharman was forced off in the second half with a nasty cut over the eye.