



# 1941 Round 5 Saturday 17th May Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 17

def.

## South Sydney 8

Brian THOMPSON  
 Bruce BROWN  
 Jack WHITEHURST  
 Norm PARKINSON  
 Henry MARTIN  
 Doug ROGERS  
 Albert McGUINNESS (c)  
 Jack HUXLEY  
 Tom SLATTERY  
 Fred McKEAN  
 Jack SCHUBACK  
 Ken LOCK  
 Jack PIPER

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

Fred FELSCH  
 Vic ANDERSON  
 Johnny ABEL  
 Leon QUINLIVAN  
 Neville JACK  
 Robert BANHAM  
 Clem KENNEDY  
 Fred LANE  
 George KILHAM  
 Jack WALSH  
 Vince HARDIMAN  
 Wally McANULTY  
 John WHITFIELD

**Tries** Bruce BROWN (2)  
 Ken LOCK

George KILHAM  
 Wally McANULTY

**Goals** Doug ROGERS (4)

Fred FELSCH (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: B Thompson; three-quarters: H Martin, N Parkinson, J Whitehurst, B Brown; halves: D Rogers, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: J Huxley, F McKean, T Slattery, J Piper, K Lock, J Schuback

**South Sydney:** Full-back: F Felsch; three-quarters: V Anderson, J Abel, L Quinlivan, N Jack; halves: R Banham (capt), C Kennedy; forwards: F Lane, G Kilham, J Walsh, V Hardman, W McAnulty, J Whitfield **Referee P Lee (Rugby League News 14th June 1941)**

Jack Huxley, locking the forwards, played a spectacular game in recognition of his return to the First Grade team but, alas, received a painful eye injury in the closing stages of the game.....the injuries, though many in number were not as serious as they seemed to be. Tommy Slattery was most unlucky to injure his shoulder, as he has been improving in every match. He will now be compelled to stand down for a couple of weeks.

When Abel kicked off for Souths the attendance was about 3500. .... Souths was continually attacking and was given a penalty for a scrum infringement. Felsch made no mistake with a difficult kick, and Souths led 2 to nil. ... A free went to Wests for obstruction, and Rogers kicked an easy goal. The scores were 2-all. ... Whitehurst ran strongly and passed to Brown, who scored well out. Rogers failed to convert, and Wests led, 5 to 2. Parkinson raced in between two men and passed to Brown, who scored another great try, running around to place the ball between the posts. Rogers converted and Western Suburbs led 10 to 2. ... Piper and Walsh were cautioned. ... Half-time scores: Western Suburbs 10, South Sydney, 2.

Schuback was suffering from an eye injury, which occurred during the first half, but took the field again after the interval. Slattery was injured and received medical attention, resuming immediately, McGuinness was over for Wests, but he knocked the corner post over and the referee ruled no try. Then Wests scored again. Huxley started a great movement, and Lock went over for a nice try. While Slattery received medical attention near half-way, Rogers converted and the scores were: Western Suburbs 15. South Sydney 2. Banham, Kilham and Hardman handled before McAnulty received a pass to score well out. Felsch failed with a difficult kick, and Wests led 15-5. Kennedy made ground, and Walsh ran grandly before transferring to Kilham who scored near the corner. Schuback was hurt and was carried from the field on a stretcher by ambulance men. Felsch failed to convert the try. Western Suburbs 15, South Sydney 8. Schuback returned to the field, but then Huxley was kicked on the head and carried off. Rogers had a penalty kick from a long way out, as the full-time bell was ringing. **(The Sun 17th May 1941)**

South Sydney were well trounced 17-8 at Pratten Park by the local boys, who outstayed them in every move of the game. Souths appear to have a firm grip on the wooden spoon. The game was open and clean, although the attentions of the Zambucks were frequently required. The opening moves of the game were sparkling, both teams handling with great confidence. ... After they had evened up, Wests gained complete control, winning the scrums and sweeping through with safe passing. Souths were strong in defence, and every try had to be fought for. There were some good individual efforts from Souths, but cohesion was negligible. They played like a scratch team picked up for the day, seeming to have no plan or method. ....McGuinness and Rogers as halves for Wests were snappy in getting their backs moving. Thompson, raised from the juniors, played a great game as full-back. **(Truth 18th May 1941)**

**Notes:** This was a welcome return to form with a solid win, but the main feature of the game was the number of injuries to Wests' players. Both Jack Huxley and Tom Slattery sustained injuries that would put them out for a while, while Jack Schuback was carried off on a stretcher, although he returned in the second half. McGuinness continued his good form, being rewarded with selection in City Firsts. Brian Thompson, from the Juniors, made his debut at full-back and played well. Keato and Rutherford were also out injured.