



1938 Round 6 Saturday 21st May Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 19

def.

Eastern Suburbs 5

Jim SHARMAN
Adrian GLEESON
Cec FIFIELD (c)
Colin FEWTRELL
Ron KNIGHT
Albert McGUINNESS
Cal LYNCH
Don MURRAY
George LUCAS
Don GULLIVER
Jack SCHUBACK
Ken LOCK
Athol SMITH

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

Albert HORSELL
Aden CAIRNS
Dick DUNN
Andy NORVAL
Rod O'LOAN
Jack McCARTHY
Fred ROBINSON
Joe PEARCE
Henry PIERCE
Jack ARNOLD
Max NIXON
John CLARKE
Ray STEHR (c)

Tries

Colin FEWTRELL (2)
Cec FIFIELD
Albert McGUINNESS
Jack SCHUBACK

Henry PIERCE

Goals

Cec FIFIELD (2)

Dick DUNN (1)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: A Horsell; three-quarters: A Cairns, R Dunn, A Norval, R O'Loan; halves: J McCarthy, F Robinson; forwards: S Pearce, H Pierce, J Arnold, R Stehr, J Clarke, M Nixon

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman (capt); three-quarters: A Gleeson, C Fewtrell, C Fifield, R Knight; halves: C Lynch, A McGuinness; forwards: G Lucas, D Murray, D Gulliver, J Schuback, K Lock, A Smith **Referee: J McCauley (Rugby League News June 4th 1938)**

Smith broke away, and nearly scored. Murray then blocked a kick from Horsell, but failed to touch down when over the goal-line. McGuinness, Lynch, Fifield, Fewtrell and Knight were prominent, but Knight passed infield, instead of going for the line. Knight cut infield and sent to Fifield, who shot ahead to the Eastern Suburbs 25. When a try seemed likely, Sharman tackled Robinson. Robinson then secured near half-way, sent to Pearce who, when challenged by Sharman, sent to Pierce. He scored under the posts. Dunn goaled. Eastern Suburbs 5, Western Suburbs 0. Play was held up while Nixon was attended to. He retired to the sideline. Pierce was also down, but when play resumed both were back. Western Suburbs was gaining possession. McGuinness secured and sent to Lynch, to Fifield, who backed up for the transfer from Fewtrell. He sent to Knight, who crossed in, but was recalled by the touch judge. Eastern Suburbs was penalised, but Knight's kick missed. Half-time scores:- Eastern Suburbs, 5. Western Suburbs nil

Fifield and Sharman carried play to Eastern Suburbs' territory when play was resumed. Smith led a forward rush, and sent to Gulliver, to Fewtrell, who scored. Knight's kick was weak. Eastern Suburbs 5, Western Suburbs 3. Sharman, Knight, Lynch and Fifield handled, and Murray picked up inches from Eastern Suburbs line but was dropped. Lucas came from a ruck inside halfway and, following a fine run, centred to McGuinness, who ran strongly to score. Gleeson failed at goal. Western Suburbs 6, Eastern Suburbs 5. Near Eastern Suburbs' 25. Robinson sent to McCarthy, to Dunn. Then Fifield shot through, gathered the ball, and scored; he also goaled. Western Suburbs 11, Eastern Suburbs 5. McGuinness secured from a ruck near the 25, sent to Schuback, who evaded several weak tackles, to score. Fifield again goaled. Western Suburbs 16, Eastern Suburbs 5. **(The Sun May 21st 1938)**

Wests beat Easts 19-5. Pointless! It should have been more! That, dear readers, is the sensation of yesterday's League parties. Wests were walloped 57-11 recently by Balmain. What a resurrection! It is doubtful whether Easts spent a quarter of an hour in Wests' territory. Their only score came from Wests' mistake of not going for the man with the ball. They let 'Robbo' run, and Joe Pearce, and then Harry Pierce finished off the move. International reputations counted for nothing with Wests. What looked like a rejuvenated pack of forwards showed a keen desire to lay hold of any Easterner with the ball. The whole pack worked hard, with Schuback very little ahead of Gulliver and Smith. Cecil Fifield, too kept himself and his men right on top of Easts' backs when they won the ball, and hustled them into oblivion. Jimmy Sharman was a different man altogether from the Sharman of the last few matches, while Lynch early in the game, and Fewtrell right through, showed splendid form. Gleeson on the wing got few chances, but tried hard and showed well. **(Truth May 22nd 1938)**

Notes: This was Wests first win of the season and was a huge upset. Ron Knight and Ken Lock were back after injuries and Lock seemed to make a big difference to the forwards who got on top of their opposition. George Lucas also came in to replace the suspended Mewton. Note ex-Wests' player Jack Arnold playing for Easts – another big loss. Colin Fewtrell was starting to fulfil his potential. Jack Robinson was sent off in the Reserve Grade match – the Wests' forwards were certainly getting feisty.