



1940 Round 6 Saturday 25th May Sports Ground



Eastern Suburbs 26

def.

Western Suburbs 11

Doug BARTLETT
 Rod O'LOAN
 Kevin McLEAN
 Dick DUNN
 Gerald WENDEN
 Fred MAY
 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

Bill KEATO
 Bruce BROWN
 Jack WHITEHURST
 Cal LYNCH
 Harry ALLEN
 Jack TISDALE
 Albert McGUINNESS
 Max GRAY (c)
 Don GULLIVER
 Fred McKEAN
 Ken LOCK
 Edward MEWTON
 Jack PIPER



Tries

Henry PIERCE (2)
 Jack ARNOLD
 Noel HOLLINGDALE
 Fred MAY
 Kevin McLEAN

Bruce BROWN
 Don GULLIVER
 Albert McGUINNESS

Goals

Fred ROBINSON (3)
 Dick DUNN (1)

Bill KEATO (1)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: D Bartlett; three-quarters: R O'Loan, K McLean, R Dunn, G Wenden; halves: F May, F Robinson; forwards: A Norval, S Pearce, H Pierce, J Arnold, N Hollingworth, R Stehr (capt)

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: B Brown, C Lynch, J Whitehurst, H Allen; halves: J Tisdale, A McGuinness; forwards: M Gray (capt), F McKean, D Gulliver, K Lock, E Mewton, J Piper **Referee: A Spankie (Rugby League News 8th June 1940)**

Jack Whitehurst was quite at home in the centre, and gave Bruce Brown a grand run away try, which Keato converted, equalising the score at 5 all. **(Rugby League News 1st June 1940)**

The match at the Sports Ground was marred by much illegal and unnecessary rough play, much of which apparently escaped the attention of the referee. The climax came in the second half, however, when Norval (Eastern Suburbs) was sent off the field for illegally tackling a player, and he was followed later on by Gulliver (Western Suburbs), for allegedly punching an opposing player. Another unattractive feature was the futile long-range kicking duels between the opposing backs... Brown and McGuinness were the pick of the Western Suburbs, and McGuinness was little behind Robinson at half-back. McKean, Gray and Gulliver played best of the forwards. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 27th May 1940)**

The last fifteen minutes of yesterday's Easts-Wests clash proved the most hectic seen at the Sports Ground for some time. With feelings running pretty high as both sides were mixing it very freely, Norval and Gulliver got their marching orders. Wests' winger, Bruce Brown, after completing a short punt, was shoved over by Norval. Referee Spankie did not think two ways about it and gave Andy his ticket. The Magpies weren't long in trying to get square. Their scrum-half, 'Podgy' McGuinness, was about to play the pili when Hollingdale barged in and kicked it from his grasp. In a flash Hollingdale was laid out as cold as the ump's whistle. Spankie once again repeated the words of the text book, and from the melee Don Gulliver was sent homewards. Incessant forward bursts, determined rucking, and a grand display by scrum-half Robinson, gave Easts a convincing victory, 26-11. The first half was marred by the ping-pong tactics of Keato and Bartlett, who at times must have deluded themselves into thinking they were the only pebbles on the ground. ... To McGuinness goes the gem try of the day. Gaining possession at halfway, 'Podgy' clapped on the pace for 25 yards, was then challenged, short punted and retrieved the pill to dive over the Tricolors' line amidst roar after roar of applause from the 'Fruitpicker's' barrackers. Easts' versatile winger, Ray Dunn, came in for his usual buster. Ray certainly gets his share of the rough and tumble, and yesterday held up play for five minutes with a bloody nose, but it didn't affect his aim, as within a few minutes he sent the pill soaring, to convert a great try by club-mate May. **(Truth 26th May 1940)**

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Notes: This became a very roughhouse game in the second half where Andy Norval was sent off for decking "Podgy" McGuinness, to be followed shortly after by Don Gulliver, in an apparent get square. Early on, there were long kicking duels which bored the crowd and did Wests no good as Keato was completely out-kicked. Ted Mewton was out-raked 2-1 and the lack of ball told in the end. McGuinness was the predictable best for Wests while Gulliver's try was a beauty, scored after some dashing lead-up work by the backs.