



1943 Round 6 Saturday 29th May Sports Ground



Eastern Suburbs 7

def.

Western Suburbs 2

Tim ALLEN
 Gerald WENDEN
 Tommy KAINE
 Dick DUNN
 Paul TIERNEY
 Wally O'CONNELL
 Bert COWLEY
 Len PORTSMOUTH
 Don GULLIVER
 Henry PIERCE (c)
 Doug FRY
 Don SINCLAIR
 Ross BASSINGTHWAITE

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

Brian DAWSON
 Ron FIELDS
 Jack WHITEHURST (c)
 Bob ANDREWS
 Bruce BROWN
 Stan EISENHUTH
 Albert McGUINNESS
 Arthur CLUES
 Alan KEATO
 George LUCAS
 Jack WOODS
 William BROWN
 Ron CAMPBELL



Tries Tommy KAINE

Goals Bert COWLEY (2)

Bob ANDREWS (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: B Dawson; three-quarters: R Fields, J Whitehurst, R Andrews, B Brown; halves: S Eisenhuth, A McGuinness; forwards: A Clues, A Keato, G Lucas, J Woods, W Brown, R Campbell

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: T Allen; three-quarters: G Wenden, T Kaine, R Dunn, B Tierney; halves: W O'Connell, B Cowley; forwards: L Portsmouth, H Pierce, D Gulliver, R Bassingthwaite, D Sinclair, D Fry **Referee: H Carrick (Rugby League News 5th June 1943)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League coach (Alf. Blair) accused Referee H. Carrick of inconsistency after yesterday's game at Sydney Sports Ground. Eastern Suburbs defeated Western Suburbs 7-2, after leading 5-2 at half-time. "I always tell Wests to play to the rules, but when the referee is inconsistent, advice is useless," said Blair. "Today neither the players nor I could follow Carrick. "Refereeing this season is the weakest I have seen in my 20 years' Rugby League experience. Wests' half, A. McGuinness, who was playing his hundredth first grade game, said: "I was confused. At times I put the ball into the scrum, and, although I hit an opponent's feet, I was penalised. "Wests were penalised 32 times, Easts seven. Easts' forwards won the game. Harry Pierce and Don Gulliver were outstanding in the heavy rucks. **(The Daily Telegraph 30th May 1943)**

Following a spectacular early half, Wests ran themselves into the ground, became sluggish, and were run over by Easts, who won 7-2. Podgy McGuinness, playing his 100th game, starred for the losers, but couldn't pull them out of the mire. Fields, Eisenhuth, and Dawson (backs) were always in the thick of action. 'Horse' Campbell, Clues, and Lucas were solid, but far from brilliant. Easts were worried during the first half, and never mastered the conditions. They began to shine when Wests lost their gloss. The winner's best were W. O'Connell. R. Dunn, and B. Cowley (backs), H. Pierce, D. Gulliver, and Rothe Bassingthwaite among the pigs. **(Truth 30th May 1943)**

Percy Dermond was unavailable for Eastern Suburbs. Gus Wenden took his place on the wing. Jack Arnold also was unavailable and his place in the forwards was taken by Douglas Fry. Western Suburbs made no alteration. McGuinness was playing his 100th game with Wests and received an ovation. Attendance was about 2560. Half-time Scores: Eastern Suburbs 5. Western Suburbs 2.

Pierce was over in the corner only to be recalled for a forward pass. Tierney twice beat Fields in clashes on the wing. W. Brown was offside but Cowley failed with the kick, 35 yards out near the line. Cowley and Clues were cautioned by referee Carrick after Clues had walked out of a ruck rubbing an arm. For "feet up" in a scrum Wests were penalised, but Dunn, who took the kick near the side-line 30 yards out, was far short of the posts. Wenden was stopped twice by B. Brown on the wing, with the try-line open on each occasion. Keato would not let Sinclair play the ball in front of the posts, and Cowley kicked the easiest of goals, to put Easts ahead, 7-2. Woods, Lucas and McGuinness took play to Easts' territory, where Wests received a penalty. Andrews' kick was a poor attempt. Wests got another penalty and elected to put the ball in the air but Dunn came across and grandly tackled Fields near half-way. Campbell was penalised in front at 40 yards out for not playing the ball, but Cowley's kick was just wide of the post. Eisenhuth was injured and taken to the sideline as the next scrum went down. Soon afterwards, Lucas was injured, and Wests were penalised just beyond the 25 yards mark. Cowley's kick was well wide. Allen failed in an attempt at a field goal. **(The Sun 29th May 1943)**

Notes: "Smacker" Blair, the Wests' coach was very critical of the refereeing in this match, backed up by "Podgy" McGuinness who said he didn't understand the scrum rulings. "Podgy" was playing his 100th game for Wests and the penalty count of 32-7 to Easts seemed to back up their contention. It was a tight, hotly contested game with fierce tackling, a game only decided in the late stages.