



1939 Round 7 Saturday 27th May Pratten Park



Canterbury 19

Tom KIRK
 Edgar NEWHAM
 Jim CHAMPION
 Aub MITCHELL
 Joe GARTNER
 Roy McCARTER
 Ted ANDERSON
 Frank SPONBERG
 Jim McCORMACK
 Roy McCALLUM
 Eddie BURNS
 Roy KIRKALDY
 Henry PORTER (c)

def.

Western Suburbs 8

Jim SHARMAN
 Dave COLLISS
 Fred BABER
 Colin FEWTRELL
 Ken KELLY
 Cal LYNCH
 Albert McGUINESS (c)
 Ron ACKLING
 Ron CAMPBELL
 Don GULLIVER
 Jack SCHUBACK
 Ken LOCK
 Jack PIPER



Tries

Ted ANDERSON
 Eddie BURNS
 Joe GARTNER
 Aub MITCHELL
 Roy McCARTER

Goals

Tom KIRK (1)
 Roy McCARTER (1)

Albert McGUINESS (2)
 Cal LYNCH (1)
 Jim SHARMAN (1) Field Goal

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: T Kirk; three-quarters: J Gartner, J Champion, A Mitchell, E Newham; halves: R McCarter, E Anderson; forwards: F Sponberg, J McCormack, R McCallum, E Burns, R Kirkaldy, H Porter (capt)

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: D Colless, F Baber, C Fewtrell, K Kelly; halves C Lynch, A McGuiness (capt); forwards: R Ackling, R Campbell, D Gulliver, J Schuback, K Lock, J Piper **Referee: T McMahon (Rugby League News 27th May 1939)**

Western Suburbs advanced to Canterbury's twenty-five with a penalty, but could not penetrate. McGuinness started a couple of movements but they were stopped before three men had handled. McCarter went close to scoring when he was bumped near the line. A penalty relieved Western Suburbs. Western Suburbs went down to the opposing try-line, where a penalty came, McGuinness making no mistake to put Western Suburbs in front 2-0. ... Then, after a kicking duel between Kirk and Sharman, the latter steadied himself about five yards inside half-way and landed a glorious field goal. Western Suburbs 4, Canterbury 0. However, Kirk found touch well downfield, where a penalty came to Canterbury. Kirk took the kick and raised the flags for Western Suburbs to be in front— 4 to 2. From a scrum near half-way the ball went to Anderson, and on to Gartner, who punted through for Anderson to go through, gather the ball in the air and score near the posts. Kirk failed to convert. Canterbury-Bankstown 5, Western Suburbs 4. Mitchell gained ground for Canterbury, but then McGuinness ran the ball back to past half-way, where a penalty came to his side. Another penalty came to Western Suburbs for shepherding, and Lynch put his side in the lead 6 to 5. Half-time scores: — Western Suburbs 6, Canterbury-Bankstown 5.

Canterbury went to the lead again, when Kirk went to within a few yards of Canterbury's try-line, where he sent McCarter in for the try. McCarter converted. Canterbury-Bankstown 10, Western Suburbs 6. The ball went from McCarter to Anderson to Mitchell, who forced his way across for the score. McCarter missed the goal. Canterbury-Bankstown 13, Western Suburbs 6. From a penalty in the Canterbury 25, McGuinness landed a goal for Canterbury, to be in front 11 to 8. It was not long before Canterbury went further in front, when Burns scored from a ruck near the Western Suburbs 25. Kirk missed the goal. Canterbury 16, Western Suburbs 8. Gartner scored when McCarter sent the ball on from a ruck. Anderson failed to convert, and Canterbury -Bankstown led 19 to 8. Just as the full-time bell rang Kirk narrowly missed with a penalty from his side of half-way. **(The Sun 27th May 1939)**

Canterbury Bankstown finished comfortably ahead in the match at Pratten Park. Although Western Suburbs, running with a breeze, led at the interval 6-5 that team was outplayed during the second term and was well beaten by 19 to 8. Early Wests was attacking as Lock gave the backs a fair share of the ball and McGuinness, who shone out, apparently realising the futility of shooting the ball out to a seemingly indifferent back division varied his play and in co-operation with his second row men, Gulliver and Campbell repeatedly gained ground..... Kirk at full-back was a tower of strength, especially to his forwards and Sharman (WS) suffered by contrast, McGuinness was the losers' best back and Gulliver and Campbell were the best of a well beaten pack. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 29th May 1939)**

Notes: Wests led at half-time after a very strong half but faded away in the second half as Canterbury's forwards got on top. Wests were creating plenty of chances but were having trouble getting over the line. Jim Sharman kicked another great field goal.