



1943 Round 8 Saturday 19th June Hurstville Oval



St George 15

Wayne COLLIER
R GILL
Owen CAMPBELL
Noel JONES
Jack LINDWALL
Alby McANDREW
Alf COX
Jack METCALF
Neville SMITH
Len KELLY (c)
Spencer WALKLATE
Herb GILBERT
Bill McRITCHIE

def.

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

Western Suburbs 12

Stan EISENHUTH
Bruce BROWN
Bob ANDREWS
Jack WHITEHURST (c)
Ron FIELDS
Ron RIDLEY
Albert McGUINNESS
Arthur CLUES
George LUCAS
Fred McKEAN
Ron CAMPBELL
Neville SPENCE
Fred FAYERS



Tries Owen CAMPBELL (2)
Herb GILBERT

Albert McGUINNESS
Fred FAYERS

Goals Alf COX (2)
Neville SMITH (1)

Bob ANDREWS (3)

Match Description

St George: Full-back: W Collier; three-quarters: R Gill, J Lindwall, N Jones, O Campbell; halves: A McAndrew, A Cox; forwards: J Metcalfe, N Smith, L Kelly, W McRitchie, H Gilbert, Walklate

Western Suburbs: Full-back: S Eisenhuth; three-quarters: R Fields, R Andrews, J Whitehurst, B Brown; halves: R Ridley, A McGuinness; forwards: A Clues, G Lucas, F McKean, R Campbell, N Spence, F Fayers **Referee: A Shiner (Rugby League News 26th June 1943)**

A crowd of approximately 7000 saw Andrews kick off. Spence was penalised near the touch-line 30 yards out, but Lindwall's kick was just wide of the posts. Then came a great try by McGuinness. Spence had passed to Lucas, who broke through and passed in to McGuinness, who raced over well out. Wests led by 3-nil. St. George entered Wests' 25. But a penalty sent play back to halfway. McAndrew, beating man after man, passed to Campbell, who scored near the posts. Lindwall missed the easiest of kicks and the scores were 3 all. Metcalfe was injured, but resumed. Kelly and Smith toed the ball downfield and a try looked imminent, but Eisenhuth saved grandly. After all Wests backs had handled, Fields was nearly over after receiving from McKean, but Lucas was offside. Metcalfe would not allow Clues to play the ball in front of the post and Andrews kicked an easy goal. ... Kelly burst, through from a ruck, side-stepped McKean and Campbell before passing to Gilbert, who scored under the post for Cox to convert and give St. George the lead by 8 points to 5. Then followed a magnificent try to St. George by Campbell, when he raced 50 yards, beat a weak tackle and, changing his pace, beat Eisenhuth's attempt to stop him, and scored under the post for Cox to convert. St. George, 13-5. Wests received a penalty in front, 40 yards out, and Andrews kicked a good goal. Half-time Scores: St. George 13, Western Suburbs 7.

McGuinness kicked the ball and the bounce favoured Brown, who raced ahead and beat Collier before passing to Fayres, who scored an easy try, well out. Andrews converted, making the scores, St. George 13, Wests 12. Eisenhuth, hurt earlier, again received ambulance attention. Lindwall and Jones were prominent, but Brown saved Wests. Walklate was nearly over from a solo effort, but Kelly was penalised and Wests got relief from the penalty. Lindwall and Gill had solo runs for the line before Lindwall knocked the corner post over in a desperate attempt to score. Feet up in the scrum gave Smith a kick and he made no mistake. **(The Sun 19th June 1943)**

Wests gave Saints a heck of a shock in a fast and spectacular game, chockful of thrills. The issue was in doubt right up to the final whistle, when Saints tripped off winners by 15-12. With a bare point separating the teams right up till the final stages the 8000 spectators got a wonderful run for their money. Outstanding feature of the match was the scintillating try scored by the mercurial Oscar Campbell. In a 75 yards dash he propped, sidestepped, sideslipped, and judiciously changed pace to beat man after man. McAndrew was clever and versatile, and Cox sound and energetic at the scrum base. Ron Gill was a dashing winger. Jones and J. Lindwall were the weak links as centres. Collier and S. Eisenhuth, the respective fullbacks, were in fine form. **(Truth 20th June 1943)**

Ron Campbell is playing the best football of his career, notwithstanding the fact that owing to Ron's work he can rarely get to training.....Nev Spence, called up to the Firsts on Saturday, did extra well against such an experienced rake as Gilbert. **(Rugby League News 26th June 1943)**

Notes: This was a very, fast exciting game, only decided in the last minute. Wests had lost a number of close games. This was the debut of Fred Fayers and Ron Ridley was making a return after playing only one game in 1940 but he had been a regular in Reserve Grade.