



1942 Round 8 Saturday 20th June St. Luke's Park



St George 26

def.

Western Suburbs 17

Noel JONES
 Ken FOSTER
 Owen CAMPBELL
 Eddie McHUGH
 Jack LINDWALL
 Roy HASSON
 Alby McANDREW
 Bill McRITCHIE
 Herb GILBERT
 Charlie MONTGOMERY
 Len KELLY (c)
 Lindsay SPENCER
 Ernest COLLIER

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

Bill KEATO
 Bruce BROWN
 Les HOSCHKE
 Billy MORRIS
 Henry MARTIN
 Eric BENNETT
 Albert McGUINNESS (c)
 George LUCAS
 Harry GREW
 Fred McKEAN
 Wal TAYLOR
 Neville SPENCE
 Jack PIPER



Tries Charlie MONTGOMERY (3)
 Len KELLY
 Eddie McHUGH
 Bill McRITCHIE

Eric BENNETT
 Henry MARTIN
 Neville SPENCE

Goals Roy HASSON (4)

Bill KEATO (4)

Match Description

St George: Full-back: N Jones; three-quarters: K Foster, O Campbell, E McHugh, J Lindwall; halves: R Hasson, A McAndrew; forwards: W McRitchie, H Gilbert, C Montgomery, L Kelly (capt), L Spencer, W Collier

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: B Brown, W Morris, L Hoschke, H Martin; halves: E Bennett, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: G Lucas, F McKean, H Grew, J Piper, N Spence, W Taylor **Referee: A Shiner (Rugby League News 27th June 1942)**

Ray Lindwall, prolific scoring St. George full-back, acting on medical advice, dropped out of the team. Wests scored within five minutes of the kick-off. McGuinness whipped the ball from the scrum base to Bennett, who after a splendid dodging run sent Martin over. Keato goaled. Wests continued to attack, and was rewarded when Keato kick another penalty goal. Wests 7, St. George nil. Within a minute, St. George had reduced the leeway, Montgomery securing from a ruck and forcing his way over in the corner. J. Lindwall missed the goal. Wests 7, St. George 3. Campbell and Lindwall then combined nicely and then Spencer ran hard along the touch-line to send McRitchie over. Lindwall missed the goal. Wests 7, St. George 6. A long series of St. George attacks ended when Bennett gained 50 yards with a long kick. Bennett, after a dodging run of 30 yards, put Wests further ahead by diving over near the corner. Keato's kick failed, but Wests led 10-6. McHugh raced over the line, but was held in the air by two Wests' backs, and was unable to ground the ball for the try. A grubber kick by Keato was stopped by Montgomery, and McGuinness had to force. After Hasson had punted the ball over the posts McHugh followed through to score. Hasson goaled. St. George 11, Western Suburbs 10. Half-time scores: St. George 11, Western Suburbs 10.

Soon after the restart Taylor, forward, was taken to the sideline for ambulance attention for a broken nose, leaving Wests with 12 men. From a ruck, Montgomery seized and dived over in the corner. Hasson failed to goal. St. George 14, Wests 10. A great goal by Keato from the sideline made the score St. George 14. Wests 12. After Bennett had run brilliantly to put Wests on the attack, Spence secured and beat the defenders to cross near the post. Keato goaled, and Wests led 17-14. Bennett was in every movement for Wests. Hasson goaled from a free kick. Wests, 17, St. George 16. Montgomery picked up from a ruck to score his third try. Hasson goaled. St. George 21, Wests 17. Kelly put the issue beyond doubt by crossing from a ruck. Hasson goaled with the bell ringing. St. George 26, Wests 17. **(The Sun 20th June 1942)**

The supporters of the joint leaders, St. George, breathed a deep sigh of relief when their champions tripped off winners against W. Suburbs 26-17 before a crowd of 5000 at St. Luke's Oval. Repeating their misfortune of the first round when they played a man short, the locals lost the services of forward W. Taylor, who left the field early in the second spasm with a fractured and split nose. Wests played inspired football, and led for most of the tussle, but lost their grip at the crucial stage in the last 10 minutes. The last try by Kelly was 'hands up,' the latter being well offside. ... Eric Bennett was the outstanding back of the match, making many penetrative and resourceful dashes. H. Martin, wing, and W. Keato, custodian, were both in fine form. **(Truth 21st June 1942)**

Notes: This was a very close match which was only decided in the last couple of minutes. Billy Morris made his debut and Neville Spence returned to the pack. Eric Bennett was again in blistering form and Wests were very unlucky to lose. For the fourth time out of eight matches they were reduced to 12 men as Wal Taylor left injured with a badly broken nose. Len Kelly's last try was also universally regarded as being scored off a forward pass. Bennett and McGuinness had brought back thrust to the attack but they were being beaten in closely contested matches.