



# 1939 Round 9 Saturday 24th June Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 19

def.

## South Sydney 8

Jim SHARMAN  
 Harry ALLEN  
 Fred BABER  
 Cal LYNCH  
 Jack CAFFREY  
 Jack TISDALE  
 Albert McGUINNESS (c)  
 Don MURRAY  
 Don GULLIVER  
 Stan SIMPSON  
 Jack PIPER  
 Alex PATRICK  
 Ken LOCK

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

Dick JOHNSON  
 Harold THOMSON  
 Fred FELSCH (c)  
 Alan QUINLIVAN  
 Alan TUOHEY  
 Jack KADWELL  
 Harold JOHNSTON  
 Ray BYRNE  
 Johnny BROWN  
 George KILHAM  
 John WHITFIELD  
 Percy FAIRALL  
 Jim ARMSTRONG

**Tries**  
 Fred BABER  
 Harry ALLEN  
 Albert McGUINNESS

Ray BYRNE  
 Dick JOHNSON

**Goals**  
 Stan SIMPSON (4)  
 Jim SHARMAN (1) Field Goal

Fred FELSCH (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: H Allen, F Baber, C Lynch, J Caffrey; halves: J Tisdale, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: D Murray, D Gulliver, S Simpson, K Lock, A Patrick, J Piper

**South Sydney:** Full-back: R Johnson; three-quarters: W Thompson, F Felsch (capt), A Quinlivan, A Touhey; halves: J Kadwell, H Johnson; forwards: R Byrne, G Gilham, J Brown, J Armstrong, P Fairall, J Whitfield **Referee: T McMahon (Rugby League News 1st July 1939)**

South Sydney started the game from the southern end, and within a minute an off-side infringement brought a penalty against Western Suburbs near its 25, and Felsch landed the goal. South Sydney 2, Western Suburbs nil. .... South Sydney shortly afterwards, scored a beautiful try. After Kadwell had the ball, Quinlivan got it and beat man after man. Stopped by Baber near the line, he lost the ball but the full-back, Johnson was there and gathered it up to score. Felsch failed at goal and South Sydney led 5 to nil. Byrne returned to the field to score a try. From a scrum near half-way, Kadwell sent to Touhey who sent back to Kadwell, who sped along the line to pass to Byrne, just as he walked on to the field, and the forward dived across for the try. Quinlivan missed the goal from wide out. South Sydney 8, Western Suburbs nil. Western Suburbs then went to the attack, but Johnson cleared, only for his side to be penalised near its 25, Simpson landing the goal, to make the score: South Sydney 8, Western Suburbs 2. ... Half-time scores: — South Sydney 8, Western Suburbs 2.

Western Suburbs went straight to the attack and, given a penalty near South Sydney's 25, Simpson made no error for South Sydney to lead 8 to 4. After Felsch again missed from a penalty, Sharman kicked well downfield, but South Sydney's forwards took play to the Western Suburbs 25. Western Suburbs then scored a great try. From a scrum near halfway the ball went from Murray to Gulliver, that man losing the ball. Allen, however, came through to gather and score. Simpson converted, and Western Suburbs was in front 9 to 8. Western Suburbs had bad luck not to be in again when Caffrey and McGuinness gained ground, only for Tisdale to go into touch, but a few seconds later Western Suburbs scored. The ball came from a ruck to McGuinness who went across. Simpson kicked the goal. Western Suburbs 14 South Sydney 8. Western Suburbs again went right down to the South Sydney line and then when Felsch cleared, Sharman landed a great field goal. Western Suburbs 16, South Sydney 8. Baber took a high punt from Johnson, sent to McGuinness who passed on to Lynch. Baber went in to score with two defenders hanging on to him. Simpson missed the goal. Western Suburbs led 19 to 8. South Sydney then tried desperately to penetrate but. Western Suburbs defended brilliantly, and Baber was grounded running the ball out, and the full-time bell went. **(The Sun 24th June 1939)**

The try scored by Harry Allen could be termed a "gem." He came inside from the wing position, received the ball at his top speed, and dodged and twisted his way through the whole of his opponents. He certainly stepped on the gas, and this is going to give him great confidence. .... In the absence of Col Fawcett, Jack Caffrey was called upon to fit the wing position. Distasteful as the position is to Jack, he did his best, but for the greater part of the game Jack scarcely knew where he was, and after the match was detained at the hospital for observation. However, here's hoping for better luck today, as Jack is determined to make good. **(Rugby League News 1st July 1939)**

**Notes:** Jack Caffrey made his debut but didn't remember much about the match after suffering concussion and being taken to hospital. Yet another solution to the hooking problem was tried with Alex Patrick making his debut. Wests finished powerfully, after being down 8-0, and scored some brilliant tries. Harry Allen's was a beauty with lots of side-stepping and high speed. Jim Sharman also kicked another brilliant field goal. The return of Stan Simpson was a decisive factor. The powerful forward had been missed, particularly his goal-kicking skills.