



# 1938 Round 9 Saturday 25th June Pratten Park



## South Sydney 13

def.

## Western Suburbs 9

Dick JOHNSON  
 Harold THOMSON  
 Fred FELSCH (c)  
 Alan QUINLIVAN  
 Don MANSON  
 Paul McCANN  
 Percy WILLIAMS  
 Ray BYRNE  
 Johnny BROWN  
 George KILHAM  
 Jack WALSH  
 Percy FAIRALL  
 Eddie HINSON

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

Jim SHARMAN  
 Adrian GLEESON  
 Cec FIFIELD (c)  
 Fred BABER  
 Bill PURCELL  
 Cal LYNCH  
 Albert McGUINESS  
 Don MURRAY  
 Jack PIPER  
 Don GULLIVER  
 Stan SIMPSON  
 Ken LOCK  
 Athol SMITH



**Tries** Don MANSON

Don MURRAY

**Goals** Percy WILLIAMS (5)

Stan SIMPSON (2)  
Jim SHARMAN (1) Field Goal

### Match Description

**South Sydney:** Full-back: R Johnson; three-quarters: H Thompson, F Felsch (capt), A Quinlivan, D Manson; halves: P Williams, F McCann; forwards: R Byrne, J Brown, G Kilham, J Walsh, P Fairall, E Hinson

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Sharman (capt); three-quarters: A Gleeson, F Baber, C Fifield, W Purcell; halves: C Lynch, A McGuinness; forwards: D Murray, D Gulliver, J Piper, S Simpson, K Lock, A Smith **Referee: L Lewis (Rugby League News July 2nd 1938)**

Souths were close to defeat at Pratten Park yesterday. They eventually prevailed against Wests by 13 to 9. Their success was not due to any marked superiority in the general art of football, but to the boot of Kangaroo Percy Williams. 'Herc' kicked five goals — the two final and all important ones, from penalties against West's players, for interfering with him, after he had punted the ball. Otherwise, the game was hard and extremely keenly fought. It demonstrated two important facts. Manson, at the age of 19 years, must get a chance in the big stuff. He is young, big, fast and his displays of recent weeks have been of a very high standard. Just the right type to cultivate. Another feature was the fact that Souths have a definite weakness, McCann as five-eighth. Wests held a well-earned lead of 9 to 4 at half-time. They had been playing over their opponents in that period, although beaten for possession. Souths owed their four points to two goals by Perc Williams. Murray, for the Magpies, toed a ball from the scrum over the line to beat several Rabbitohs to the dive and try. Earlier, however, after Johnson had considerably given Jim Sharman a second attempt at a field goal, the West full-back gave his mates and fans a thrill by raising the flags to a beauty from well back. Then Simpson, after several unsuccessful attempts, landed two goals. Wests, therefore, were overjoyed at a five points lead, and after listening to words of wisdom from Fifield, trotted into the second half full of confidence. All their good work went for 'nowt,' soon after, when McGuinness, after a period of 'mucking' about threw a considerate pass into the waiting hands of Manson, who raced around to score between the uprights. It was nine all after Williams had added the extras. Souths then played with more sting. Williams added two goals for his side and won the match. ... Fifield, by moving up swiftly to his opposing centre, created the imaginary English opening for McCann, which closed up on top of him all too swiftly when he tried to use it as a passage to the try line. Both Jim Sharman and R. Johnson played grandly at full-back. Their duel in catching, kicking and all-round play was pleasing to watch. It was a toss-up who came off the better. Lynch, though not favoured with a great amount of possession, was a disappointment to me. The packs had a royal battle, but Fairall was far too good for Lock as rake. Much boomed ref., R. Lewis, fresh from the coalfields, had charge of the fixture. Several of his finer decisions were questionable, but he certainly keeps up with the play. He would improve the spectacle more if he ordered players in a melee to 'play the ball', instead of allowing them to scramble 'stacks on the mill style. This all tends to slow the game up. The crowd was 4,722. **(Truth June 26th 1938)**

A particularly hard and keenly contested game at Pratten Park resulted in victory for South Sydney over Western suburbs by four points Each side gained one try but Williams, by his accurate goal kicking, turned to good account the opportunities that were presented him through infringements. The play did not produce very many movements of an open nature. Forwards dominated the bulk of the exchanges and the defensive work of the teams was extremely sound. Fairall (SS) won 36 scrums to 13 but the lack of penetrative ability on the part of the inside backs resulted in the breaking up of attacks. Quinlivan made a few strong bursts and. Manson always gained ground when in possession and he was the most dangerous. Western Suburbs held the lead by 9 points to 4 at half time. Sharman was a strong force in the initial half. Handling safely and outgeneralling Johnson in kicking duels. Sharman saved his forwards considerable effort and found the line repeatedly. Fifield also was very prominent, eagerly seizing the ball whenever an opponent lost possession. **(The Sydney Morning Herald June 27th 1938)**

**Notes:** Jack Piper made his debut while Fred Baber was back after a long absence from a bad injury. This was a very hard, fast game which was ultimately decided on penalty kicks. The significant factor was Lock being out-scrummed by 36 to 13. Wests were chasing the ball all day. Jim Sharman was very strong at the back and kicked another field goal.