

1943 Round 9 Saturday 26th June Pratten Park

North Sydney 31 def. Western Suburbs 13

Stan RIDGWAY **Fullback** Patrick McFARLANE Bruce BROWN Frank COLLINS Wing Frank HYDE (c) **Bob ANDREWS** Centre Ted RUDD Centre Stan EISENHUTH Ray AINSWORTH Wing Ron FIELDS Cyril McMAHON Five-eighth Ron RIDLEY Johnny McLACHLAN Half Albert McGUINESS Harry TAYLOR Lock George LUCAS Gerald SCULLY Second Row Jack WHITEHURST (c) Don McKINNON Second Row Fred McKEAN Harry McKINNON Front Row Ron CAMPBELL Frank FACER Hooker **Neville SPENCE** Laurie DORAN Front Row Fred FAYERS

Tries Cyril McMAHON (2) Fred McKEAN

Gerald SCULLY (2) Ray AINSWORTH Frank HYDE Ted RUDD

Goals Ted RUDD (5) Bob ANDREWS (5)

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back: S Ridgway; three-quarters: F Collins, F Hyde< E Rudd, R Ainsworth; halves: C McMahon, J McLachlan; forwards: H Taylor, G Scully, D McKinnon, R McKinnon, F Facer, L Doran

Western Suburbs: Full-back: P McFarlane; three-quarters: R Field, R Andrews, S Eisenhuth, B Brown; halves: R Ridley, A McGuiness; forwards: G Lucas, F McKean, J Whitehurst, R Campbell, N Spence, F Fayers Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 10th July 1943)

Norths completely outclassed Wests by 31 to 13 at Pratten Park yesterday and thus avenged the narrow first-round defeat inflicted by the 'Magpies.' The Shoremen, after a quiet start, soon stepped on the gas and the opposition was literally runs off its legs.Wests hung on well, although outpaced and outplayed in most departments .Bob Andrews' reliable boot accounted for most of their 13 points. He raised the flags five times. Bert Brown and Stan Eisenhuth showed most consistency of the backs and 'Snowy' McKean received full marks for his forward work. (Truth 27th June 1943)

Former R.U. players monopolised the scoring in the Western Suburbs v. North Sydney Rugby League match at Pratten Park yesterday. North Sydney won 31-13, after leading 13-8 at half-time. Rugby Union men scored all 21 points in the first half — E. Rudd a try and two goals, and C. McMahon two tries for Norths, and R. Andrews four goals for Wests. Andrews kicked five goals in the match— three from half-way. Two runaway tries from intercepts' by G Scully (Norths) and the accurate goal-kicking of E. Rudd and R. Andrews were features of the game Frank Hyde played inspiringly, while Rudd and McMahon were always on top. D. McKinnon, who was making his initial appearance with Norths, was sound. (The Daily Telegraph 27th June 1943)

..... Half-time Scores: North Sydney 13, Western Suburbs 8. Rudd failed to goal from two penalty shots in quick succession. Norths went further ahead when D. McKinnon broke away. He sent to Taylor, received again, and sent to Ainsworth who scored in the corner. Rudd missed the goal. Norths then led 16-8. Further success came to Norths when Facer intercepted a pass and sent to Hyde, who doubled round and sent to Taylor, to Rudd, who dropped the ball. Hyde was handy, however, and he scored. Rudd converted. McLachlan opened the way for Norths' next try. After several players had handled, Scully scored near the post and Rudd goaled, making Norths 26-8. Wests were at last rewarded with a try, McKean scoring for Andrews to convert. This was Andrews' fifth goal. Loose play near the centre saw Scully pick up and score a runaway try under the posts. Rudd again goaled — his fifth for the match. North Sydney 31-13. (The Sun 26th June 1943)

Three welcome letters I received this week were from Billy Keato, Jack Piper and Doug Rogers, all whom are stationed at northern battle stations. All are well and playing football for their various regiments; they send their best wishes to their many friends, and hope it won't be long before they are back with us again. (Rugby League News 10th July 1943)

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Notes: Wests were completely outplayed in this match, although the goal-kicking of Bob Andrews was a bonus, three of the goals being kicked from half-way. Letters from the front showed the quality of players missing due to the war effort. Patrick McFarlane debuted, coming out of Army camp.

