



1941 Round 9 Saturday 28th June Pratten Park



Eastern Suburbs 15

def.

Western Suburbs 3

Dave BROWN
 Rod O'LOAN
 Bill BREW
 Dick DUNN
 Percy DERMOND
 Fred MAY
 Sel LISLE
 Andy NORVAL
 Joe PEARCE
 Don GULLIVER
 John CLARKE
 Noel HOLLINGDALE
 Ray STEHR (c)

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

Norm PARKINSON
 Bruce BROWN
 Jack WHITEHURST
 Eric BENNETT
 Colin FEWTRELL
 Doug ROGERS
 Albert McGUINNESS (c)
 Jack HUXLEY
 Ron CAMPBELL
 Fred MCKEAN
 Jack SCHUBACK
 Ken LOCK
 Jack PIPER



Tries Percy DERMOND
 Noel HOLLINGDALE
 Joe PEARCE

Ken LOCK

Goals Dave BROWN (3)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: D Brown; three-quarters: R O'Loan, W Brew, R Dunn, P Dermond; halves: F May, S Lisle; forwards: A Norval, S Pearce, D Gulliver, R Stehr (capt), N Hollingdale, J Clarke

Western Suburbs: Full-back: N Parkinson; three-quarters: B Brown, J Whitehurst, E Bennett, C Fewtrell; halves: D Rogers, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: J Huxley, R Campbell, F McKean, J Schuback, K Lock, J Piper **Referee: J O'Brien (Rugby League News 12th July 1941)**

In a match played mostly among the forwards, Eastern Suburbs beat Western Suburbs by 15 points to 3. The scores did not indicate the disparity between the two teams as it was not until half-way through the second half that the Eastern Suburbs forwards started to wear the opposition down. In the second half, when the Eastern Suburbs men had to play against the wind, they had special instructions to retain the ball as much as possible. They did this to such good purpose that Western Suburbs saw very little of the ball, except when they won it from the scrums. The best players for Eastern Suburbs were P Dermond, on the wing, and S Leslie at half-back, and R Stehr, S Pearce and A Norval in the forwards. Dave Brown played a sound game at full-back. He showed that he has lost none of his ability as a goal-kicker, his three goals being the result of good kicks. The best players for Western Suburbs were Bennett and McGuinness in the backs. Bennett is a very penetrative centre of whom much will be heard in the future. The best forward was Lock the hooker, who scored a good try. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 30th June 1941)**

Masters of the game from the kick-off until the final whistle, Eastern Suburbs defeated Western Suburbs 15-3 at Pratten Park in an exhibition of solid, honest football. It was never spectacular, but did not lag. Playing with the advantage of the wind, Easts opened the scoring and were never headed. They scored the only points in the second half. Dave Brown was far from the old Dave. Once he made a good run but he was generally out of touch. A fallen idol, he was jeered by the crowd for twice marking when Wests were pushing. He kicked one lovely goal outside half-way. Dermond was the star of Easts' backs. He worked hard and had to watch the full-back position when Brown strayed. Easts' pack lived up to its reputation. It was good. Norval worked hard. Pearce and Stehr were in everything. The Magpies' back line was full of life. Whitehurst, Fewtrell, McGuinness and especially Bennett, were good. The forwards mixed it with the Tricolors' 'battleship' pack. Huxley (lock) and Campbell and McKean were breaking quickly and bottling Lisle. Campbell played a great game. **(Truth 29th June 1941)**

Eastern Suburbs broke their sequence of three defeats by convincingly defeating Western Suburbs 15-3 at Pratten Park. The 5000 spectators found it dull. Wests dominated the scrums, but their backs were too weak to take advantage of this, although McGuinness was nippy and versatile enough. Easts' forwards won the game. Andy Norval was at his best, and Pearce and Stehr also sparkled. Dave Brown was just fair as custodian. He badly misfielded the ball that gave Wests their only try. Lisle and Brew were the pick of the winners' rear-guard. Dunn defended ably. For Wests, McGuinness, at the scrum base, was outstanding. **(The Daily Telegraph 29th June 1941)**

Notes: This was a tough game, with many cautions handed out. Wests were very competitive, with Easts only getting on top late in the match. McGuinness was again outstanding but it was Eric Bennett who was already showing that he was a serious player. Ron Campbell was also good in the forwards, although Lock was beaten soundly in the scrums.