



1935 Round 9 Saturday 29th June Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 25

def.

Canterbury Bankstown 19

Frank McMILLAN (c)
Vince SHEEHAN
Cliff DEEGAN
Ron KNIGHT
Fred COMBER
Stan TANCRED
Albert McGUINNESS
Max GRAY
Ron EATON
Alan BLAKE
Jack SPILLANE
Gordon PUGH
Vince CLEARY

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

George MAIN
Vince DWYER
Jack MORRISON (c)
Sid ELLIOTT
Ted BURDON
Charlie CHIGNELL
Tom CAREY
Frank SPONBERG
Jack McCONNELL
Joe SHARP
Jack HARTWELL
Bob LINDFIELD
Eddie BURNS

Tries

Vince SHEEHAN (2)
Stan TANCRED (2)
Ron EATON

Ted BURDON
Vince DWYER
Joe SHARP

Goals

Ron KNIGHT (5)

George MAIN (5)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: F McMillan; three-quarters: V Sheehan, R Knight, C Deegan, F Comber; halves: S Tancred, A McGuinness; forwards: M Gray, A Blake, R Eaton, J Spillane, G Pugh, V Cleary

Canterbury Bankstown: Full-back: G Main; three-quarters: V Dwyer, J Morrison (capt), S Elliott, T Burdon; halves: T Carey, C Chignell; forwards: F Sponberg, J McConnell, J Sharp, F Chaplin, R Lindfield, E Burns **Referee: J Murphy (Rugby League News 6th July 1935)**

Prior to the commencement of the game the Mayor of Canterbury (Alderman S Parry) presented R Lindfield the Canterbury Bankstown hooker with a handsome clock to mark his 150th game in grade football. Mr E McFayden, president of the Western Suburbs club, also presented Lindfield with a gold and enamel life membership medallion of that club with which the recipient played for 10 years prior to the formation of the Canterbury Bankstown Club. Western Suburbs was without the services of Hey, Mead, Brady and Ridley, their places being filled by Tancred, McGuinness, Deegan and Comber while Eaton was brought up from the Reserve grade to replace Smith in the pack. Hartwell was an absentee from the Canterbury Bankstown forwards, his place being taken by Sharp from the reserve grade and while the name of E Mason around whom much controversy has centred in recent weeks appeared in the programme, he did not play, his clearance from the Western Suburbs Club (Newcastle) not having come to hand. In the first half Western Suburbs did not show to advantage the efforts lacking co-operation and the handling being weak. On the other hand, Canterbury Bankstown played with determination and the forwards carrying the scrums the team had Western Suburbs defending almost from the kick off. Scrum breaches on the part of Western Suburbs were frequent and although Main missed a couple of easy shots at goal he eventually opened the scoring after a quarter of an hour's play with a good kick. This he repeated soon afterwards. Western Suburbs' first score also came from a scrum breach. A try seemed certain when from a scrum close to the Canterbury Bankstown line Deegan sent McGuinness over but McGuinness dropped the ball and it was kicked dead. In the resultant scrum Canterbury Bankstown was penalised and Knight kicked the goal from wide out. Play, if not brilliant, was interesting and even the first try coming to Western Suburbs through Tancred after Sheehan and Knight had handled. Shortly afterwards Canterbury Bankstown regained the lead when Main kicked another penalty goal. A second try by Tancred which Knight converted placed Western Suburbs ahead and no further score came until just before the halt time bell when from a scrum near the line Carey sent Sharp over. The scores were 10 points to 9 in favour of Western Suburbs.

When play was resumed Western Suburbs showed better combination and at once moved further ahead. As the game advanced both teams were playing brightly and there was enthusiasm when Chignall secured from a scrum at centre and the ball went through to Carey, Morrison and Elliott to Burdon who forced his way over in the corner. Eaton, with about a minute to spare, put the issue beyond doubt by finishing a hard run with a try. Spillane was injured in this rush and it was stated subsequently that his jaw has been fractured. Sheehan, Knight and Tancred were the best of the Western Suburbs back division. McMillan was not so clean in handling nor as quick in getting rid of the ball as usual. Blake, Eaton, Spillane and Cleary were prominent forwards. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 1st July 1935)**

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Notes: This was a very good performance by Wests as Ridley, Mead, Hey and Brady were out, playing for NSW against Queensland. Cliff Deegan, Stan Tancred, Fred Comber and Albert McGuinness all came up from Reserves and played well. In the first half they struggled to get the combination going but combined much better in the second half to defeat a team that contained many ex-Wests players. One of them, the legendary Bob Lindfield, was made a life member of Wests by Ernie McFayden before the commencement of the game. Jack Spillane continued his bad luck after suffering a number of previous injuries, breaking his jaw during the match.