



1927 Round 11 Saturday 16th July Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 26

def.

Glebe 7

Frank McMILLAN (c)
Ken SHERWOOD
Dave HEY
Neil MATTERSON
Jack REDMOND
Jerry BRIEN
Harry OWEN
Les HAYES
Jim PARSONS
Jack DREW
Frank MATTERSON
Bob LINDFIELD
Frank SPILLANE

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

Clarrie HICKEY
Billy DOYLE
Edward GODDARD
B LUPTON
E COLBRAIN
Jack TRACEY
Jack McMAHON
William KELLEWAY
W CHRISTIE
T HARRISON
Jack HICKEY
Bill MELVILLE
Tom McGRATH (c)

Tries

Jack REDMOND (4)
Les HAYES
Frank SPILLANE

Edward GODDARD

Goals

Harry OWEN (3)
Frank McMILLAN (1) Field goal

Clarrie HICKEY (2)

Match Description

Glebe: Full-back, C Hickey; three-quarters, B Layton, W Doyle, W Colbrain, B Goddard; halves, J Tracey, J McMahon; forwards, T McGrath, W Melville, J Hickey, N Christie, T Harrison, W Kelleway

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, J Redmond, D Hey, N Matterson, K Sherwood; halves, J Brien, H Owen; forwards, F Matterson, J Parsons, F Spillane, R Lindfield, J Drew, L Hayes **Referee: J Miller**

Glebe had all the better of the opening exchanges, and Goddard went over from a ruck on the line for C Hickey to convert. Goddard was playing as centre three-quarter, instead of lock, his usual position. Hickey was badly out of touch with his kicking and general play and let his side into trouble. Glebe' halves showed no enterprise, and made no ground. Hence, Wests ran rings round their slower opponents, and eventually Brien cut clean of several defenders at half-way, transferred to Sherwood, who in-passed to Spillane, who had a clear run to score. Owen converted. 5 all. Redmond was outstanding for the rest of the game, being electric in his movements. Twice, in quick succession, he scored, and later in the second half he got over twice more. Wests rose to great heights in two passing movements, which resulted in tries to Hayes and Redmond. McMillan kicked a gem of a field goal from well out in mid-field. Wests were best served by Redmond, Hey and Owen in the backs, and by Hayes, Spillane, and Matterson in the forwards. J R McMahon was the best of Glebe's backs, and J Hickey and W Kelleway were the pick of the forwards. **(Sunday Times 17th July 1927)**

Harry Owen, "Pommy" as he is called is also a product of Western Suburbs Junior League, and has had a quick rise in the football world, from a President's Cup representative in 1924 to Reserve and First Grade the same year. Owing to breaking his hand against Glebe last season on the Cricket Ground, he was kept out of big football. He formerly played with Concord Juniors "B" Grade, and then with Burwood Juniors, runners-up in the competition and winners respectively. Harry received two medals from football in the one year, one with the Burwood Junior Club and President's Cup competition. Besides being a good footballer, he is also a cricketer of some note, having represented the Western Suburbs Junior Association in the Martin Shield competition. K Sherwood, known to his pals as "Sherry" has been going great guns with his team - Western Suburbs Firsts - this season. He has been playing in the centre, and his strong running and hard tackling have been worthy of commendation. "Sherry" is one of many younger players in the senior ranks, and there are hopes for his further advancement in the game in future. He graduated with Summer Hill Iona "A" Grade - Junior Premiers in 1923-4-5. In 1925 he was invited to take part in a grade picnic match at Lidcombe. There he struck the selectors as a possibility. Being a commercial traveller with a country run, he could not accept the invitation to play with Wests' Reserves. Last year, however, he played with and captained the Reserve Grade side with distinction. This year he was quickly elevated, and he has quite justified his quick promotion. **(Rugby League News 25th June 1927)**

Notes: This was a comprehensive win by Wests on the back of a dazzling wing display by 'Pony' Redmond. They ran all over the top of Glebe following a bye in Round 10, where they had visited Bathurst. McMillan kicked yet another great field goal to add to his tally for the year. The papers were still talking about his field goal against St George which was kicked from 6 yards the other side of half-way and sailed high through the posts. Note the write-ups on Sherwood, Owen and Spillane; they were all playing very well. This win took Wests up to second place on the ladder.