



# 1926 Round 14 Saturday 31st July Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 35

def.

## St George 12

Frank McMILLAN (c)  
Neil MATTERSON  
Fred YANZ  
Cecil FIFIELD  
Jack REDMOND  
Jerry BRIEN  
Eric DOIG  
Roy LISTON  
Jim PARSONS  
Frank SPILLANE  
Frank MATTERSON  
Bob LINDFIELD  
Jack DREW

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

Frank MEIGHAN  
Frank SAUNDERS  
J PARSONS  
Joe FOLEY  
A WILLIAMS  
Arnold TRAYNOR (c)  
Phil McSORLEY  
Harry FLOWER  
Bill HARDMAN  
Tom KILLIBY  
E CHAMBERS  
Arthur JUSTICE  
Vic CATRIOS

### Tries

Frank MATTERSON (2)  
Cecil FIFIELD (2)  
Jack REDMOND (2)  
Jim PARSONS (2)  
Frank McMILLAN

Joe FOLEY  
Phil McSORLEY

### Goals

Eric DOIG (4)

Arnold TRAYNOR (3)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, F Yanz, N Matterson, C Fifield, T Redmond; halves, J Brien, E Doig; forwards, F Matterson, R Lindfield, F Spillane, J Parsons, R Liston, J Drew

**St George:** Full-back, F Meighan; three-quarters, F Saunders, J Parsons, J Foley, A Williams; halves, A Traynor, P McSorley; forwards, E Chambers, A Justice, T Killiby, W Hardman, H Flower, N Catrios **Referee: E Kerr (The Sunday Times 1st August 1926)**

The game, after being evenly contested in the first half, resulted in a one-sided exhibition after the interval. The Western Suburbs men completely over-whelmed their opponents and scored seven tries in rapid succession. The victors' goal kicking was lamentably weak, only one conversion resulting, although most of the attempts were from easy positions. At the outset St George was repeatedly invading the Westerners' territory, but their methods lacked finish, faulty handling spoiling the efforts. A feature of this half was the try by McMillan, the Western fullback. Following his own kick, he secured and, racing through the defence, scored near the posts. Prior to half-time St George unwound a successful movement which resulted in a try by Foley, after Parsons had made the opening. At half-time, Western Suburbs led by 12 points to 8. The second term opened with Western Suburbs sweeping to the attack, and Fifield fielding a weak kick by Meighan sent the ball on to F Matterson to score in a handy position. Doig goaled. Western Suburbs 17, St George 8. Shortly following, a very pretty movement began when Doig securing from a scrum, passed to McMillan, who had moved up to support the three-quarters. The latter ran strongly to Meighan and placed F Matterson in position to score again, unopposed. Further points were added to Western Suburbs' tally when tries came from Fifield, Redmond (two), and Parsons in succession. St George's tackling was very weak, and, therefore, no defence was offered to stem the numerous attacks launched by the Westerners, who were playing without Brien, who was sent off. Another try by Fifield, after Liston, McMillan, N Matterson, and Parsons had handled, terminated the scoring for Western Suburbs. Just prior to the final bell Traynor kicked his second penalty goal for this term. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 2nd August 1926)**

.... Brien previously played with Lakemba third grade in the Canterbury-Bankstown junior league, and, after captaining the President's Cup team in 1923, went straight into Western Suburbs' reserve grade, en route to his present post. He is unlucky in striking form simultaneously with that vastly improved stand-off half, Keith Ellis .... In Lindfield, the Magpies possess a centre forward little, if anything, inferior to interstate forward.... He gave Justice a hard go for possession in the first round, and it was primarily the measure of success that he had attained which gave Wests the victory. **(Rugby League News 24th July 1926)**

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**Notes:** This was quite a close game in the first half but Wests, running into a strong breeze, over-ran St George in the second half. Eric Doig was at his best and Lindfield, Frank Matterson and Parsons again were outstanding in the forwards. McMillan's try was apparently an outstanding piece of elusive running. There was only one conversion of nine tries so goal-kicking seemed to be a problem again. The defence was good, considering Jerry Brien was sent off and Wests played a lot of the second half with twelve men. Some records have Frank Matterson scoring three tries and Fifield one but all accounts have the last try being Fifield scoring his second, not Frank Matterson scoring his third. Wests moved up to third place with this win. Although sent off, Jerry Brien was obviously regaining his best form. Lindfield was starting to establish himself very strongly as the best hooker in the league.