



1927 Round 15 Saturday 13th August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 21

def.

University 13

Frank McMILLAN (c)
Ken SHERWOOD
Dave HEY
Ray MORRIS
Jack REDMOND
Jerry BRIEN
George MASON
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

Edward WYNTER
John WOODS
Arthur CONNOR
Martin CUNNINGHAM
Tom BARRY
Vern DEACON
Pat McCORMACK
George HEERY
John McINTYRE
Frank BENNING
Isidor SENDER
Bill FLANAGAN
Ernest OGG (c)

Tries

Les HAYES
Jack DREW
George MASON
Frank MATTERSON
Frank SPILLANE

Tom BARRY (2)
Frank BENNING

Goals

Frank McMILLAN (2)
Jerry BRIEN (1)

John McINTYRE (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back, McMillan; three-quarters, Redmond, Morris, Hey, Sherwood; halves, Brien, Mason; forwards, Matterson, Parsons, Spillane, Lindfield, Drew, Hayes

University: Full-back, Wynter; three-quarters, Barry, Connor, Cunningham, Woods; halves, Deacon, McCormack; forwards, Ogg, Heery, Benning, Flanagan, Fender, McIntyre **Referee: B Wales**

The veteran Courtney, who led Wests on to the field, kicked off amidst cheers. Play was of a give-and-take character, until Henry started a movement that opened the scoring. He secured the ball, and tricked his way past several of the defence before Lindfield and Drew handled, the last named registering a try, which McMillan easily converted. Western Suburbs 5, University nil. Wynter, the University custodian, who was displaying excellent form, was kept busy repelling fierce attacks. McMillan increased West's tally through the agency of a penalty goal, and then University's forwards toed the ball through. Barry snapped up the leather and, after a strong run, scored. McIntyre converted. Western Suburbs 7, University 5. An excellent movement, in which Mason, Matterson, and Spillane participated, resulted in Spillane crossing, after an 80 yard sprint. Western Suburbs 10, University 5.

Play throughout the second spell was spiritedly contested, Western Suburbs having slightly the better of matters, scoring 11 points, while University increased its total a further eight points. Western Suburbs ran out victors by 21 points to 13.

Prominent for Western Suburbs were McMillan, Hey, and Redmond in the backs, and Lindfield, Spillane, and Drew in the forwards. University's bright spots were Wynter and Barry in the backs, and McIntyre and Flanagan in the forwards.

Scorers: Western Suburbs 21 (Drew, Spillane, Mason, Hayes and Matterson tries; McMillan 2 and Brien goals: University 13 (Barry 2, and Benning tries; McIntyre 2 goals) **(Sunday Times 14th August 1927)**

As in the first match, Wests scored five tries and three goals, and quite taxed the 'Varsity defence. The forwards played the leading role in getting the tries, but the backs shaped, and especially G Mason, the new scrum-half (in place of Owen). R Morris, three-quarter promoted from the lower grades, and D Hey, the nippy wing three-quarter..... **(The Referee 17th August 1927)**

Notes: Wests came back to winning ways after two close losses with their stars out. Lindfield's domination in the scrums was a key factor. This was a significant match for the proceeds went to the retired Tedda Courtney who led the team on the field amongst wild cheering. Tedda received £51, fourteen shillings and sixpence, a good bit of money in 1927, the average earnings being 60 pound a year. This match also marked the debut of Ray Morris who played 50 First Grade games in the next five years. He came in to replace Neil Matterson who, since he only played three Second Grade games, appeared to be injury prone. He went in and out of First Grade.