



1926 Round 18 Saturday 28th August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 36

def.

North Sydney 21

Frank McMILLAN (c)
 Dave HEY
 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

C NASH
 Jack COURTNEY
 Carl ARNEMAN
 Clem HILL
 Jack SPROUSTER
 Joe MONTGOMERY
 Eric HOGAN
 Jack O'REILLY
 Leo O'CONNOR (c)
 H McQUARRIE
 Leo McGRATH
 George SEWELL
 Cecil JOHNSON

Tries

Cecil FIFIELD (4)
 Dave HEY (2)
 Frank SPILLANE (2)
 Jerry BRIEN
 Frank MATTERSON

Jack COURTNEY
 Leo McGRATH
 George SEWELL

Goals

Eric DOIG (2)
 Roy LISTON (1)

Jack COURTNEY (6)

Match Description

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

North Sydney: Full-back, C Nash; three-quarters, C Hill, T Arneman, J Sprouster, J Courtney; halves, J Montgomery, E Hogan; forwards, C Macquarie, L O'Connor, J O'Reilly, L McGrath, G Sewell, C Johnson **Referee: E Kerr**

The first half was practically all Western Suburbs, whose attacking form was much superior to that displayed against Easts. Early in the game Hey accepted a pass from Yanz, who had worked his way through the ruck, and scored near the posts for Doig to goal. Norths took a turn at the offensive, and McMillan had to force to save. But the relief was warranted, and soon Wests were over again, as Fifiel finalised a good combined movement originating from Brien and Doig. The latter again goaled and Wests led by 10 to nil. Again, Hey scored, receiving from Redmond and Yanz, but this time Doig missed at goal. A goal to Courtney opened North's score, but a try to Spillane nullified the two points. McMillan now retired, Yanz going to full-back, and then Courtney landed a penalty goal. But again, Spillane scored. Fifiel added another try, and, just before half-time Brien snapped up a Northerner's pass and dashed across to score. Liston broke the spell of bad kicking by raising the flags, and West led at half-time by 24-4.

The resumption saw Norths break away, and immediately a passing rush between Macquarie, Hogan and Sewell ended in the latter scoring a try, which Courtney converted. Spillane again registered another three-pointer, and then McGrath raced across for Courtney to again goal. The successful goal-kicker was the next man to score a try, after a good individual effort, and again he raised the flags. Wests now led by 30-19, and near the finish Fifiel and Matterson each scored another try. This made Wests 36, and a great goal by Courtney made North's total up to 21, at which score the match ended. **(Sunday Times 29th August 1926)**

Notes: Wests finished the season on a high note, scoring ten tries in a dashing display. Dave Hey was a late substitution for Neil Matterson and was rewarded with two tries, his first in First Grade. The win had further merit as Wests played with twelve men from before half-time when Frank McMillan retired injured. The only sour note was the poor goal-kicking, yet again; only three conversions of ten tries. Fred Yanz went to full-back when McMillan retired and played well. As usual, at the end of the season, North Sydney tried out four regular Second Graders.