



1927 Round 3 Saturday 30th April Sydney Cricket Ground



Western Suburbs 33

def.

Newtown 11

Frank McMILLAN (c)
Ken SHERWOOD
Dave HEY
Cecil FIFIELD
Jack REDMOND
Les DOLAN
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

Fred LIND
W LEWIS
Jim BELL
Jack KESSEY
Frederick HOCKEY
Keith ELLIS (c)
Vince OLIVERA
Bill CULLEN
C McLACHLAN
T SCOTT
D WATERS
Tom JONES
Les BULL

Tries

Les HAYES (2)
Harry OWEN (2)
Dave HEY
Frank MATTERSON
Frank SPILLANE

Jack KESSEY

Goals

Frank McMILLAN (6)

Fred LIND (4)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back, F Lind; three-quarters, J Bell, J Kessey, W Lewis, F Hockey; five-eighth, K Ellis; half-back, V Olivera; forwards, D Waters, T Jones, T Scott, L Bull, C McLachlan, W Cullen

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, J Redmond, K Sherwood, C Fifield, D Hey; five-eighth, L Dolan; half-back, H Owen; forwards, L A Hayes, R Lindfield, J Drew, J Parsons, F Spillane, F Matterson **Referee: L Deane**

From the commencement Western Suburbs impressed as the ultimate winners. A feature of the play was the splendid co-operation of the Westerners when moving to an attack between backs and forwards. No matter where the ball was passed there always seemed to be a player to receive it; this, perhaps, was the means of completely demoralising Newtown. The opening try came when Dolan intercepted a weak pass by Ellis, and ran Hayes into position to score. McMillan converted. Lind reduced the margin by goaling from a penalty. The fast following Western forwards were using their pace to advantage, and repeatedly harassed the opposing backs. A nice movement followed, when Matterson, intercepting a pass, sent to Hayes, to Fifield, to Hey; then back to Fifield, to Hayes, who went over for his second try. McMillan again converted. Sherwood broke through well, and enabled Hey to complete another scoring movement. McMillan kicked his third goal, and Western Suburbs led by 15 to 2. The leaders' attack relaxed somewhat now, and Ellis, Kessey, and Jones combining well, placed Newtown on the offensive. Lind, who was kicking with accuracy, added four points with two penalty goals. At last success came to Newtown, when Olivera, Ellis, Lewis and Kessey indulged in a passing bout, the latter cutting in well to ground under the bar. Lind converted. Following this success, and just prior to the interval, he kicked his third penalty goal. Half-time scores: Western Suburbs, 15; Newtown, 11.

Newtown started play again by a series of spasmodic bursts, which were safely met by the defenders. McMillan, however, soon placed his men on the offensive by fine line kicks. From this juncture on Western Suburbs launched attacks that completely over-whelmed the opposition. The ball travelled with precision from man to man, and tries were added in quick succession, Spillane crossing after Owen and Dolan had handled. Then Owen added two more from spirited movements, Matterson securing the final one with the opposition at a standstill. McMillan converted both Owen's tries, and just prior to full-time was successful from a penalty. For Western Suburbs tries were secured by Hayes (2), Owen (2), Hey, Spillane and Matterson; McMillan kicked six goals. For Newtown Kessey a try, Lind four goals. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 2nd May 1927)**

....Owen, a broad-shouldered short, thick-set chap, played a very fine game. In J Parsons, Western Suburbs possess a forward a forward of very fine possibilities. He has weight, strength, speed and football skill, and is an ideal type for this class of Rugby. **(Referee 4th May 1927)**

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Notes: Jerry Brien's residency was still in dispute so Les Dolan was still in the team. This was a very strong win with Parsons and Owen being dominant. Les Hayes' try would be considered one of the best of the season; a dazzling display of passing and running. Dave Hey now had four tries in the first two games.