



# 1927 Round 6 Saturday 21st May Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 21

def.

## University 12

Frank McMILLAN (c)  
Ken SHERWOOD  
Dave HEY  
Neil MATTERSON  
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**

John McINTYRE  
T O'DONNELL  
Martin CUNNINGHAM  
Frank O'ROURKE  
G McCAUGHEY  
Vern DEACON  
Pat McCORMACK  
George HEEBY  
Ernest OGG  
Frank BENNING  
John WOODS  
Charles ROWLEY  
Edward RYAN (c)

### Tries

Les HAYES (2)  
Frank MATTERSON (2)  
Harry OWEN

Frank O'ROURKE (2)

### Goals

Frank McMILLAN (3)

John McINTYRE (2)  
Ernest OGG (1)

### Match Description

**University:** Full-back, J J McIntyre; three-quarters, T B O'Donnell, A F O'Rourke, M A Cunningham, G McCaughey; halves, V Deacon, P E McCormack; forwards, E J Ryan, H F Benning, E S Ogg, G Heery, J F Woods, C D Rowley

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

University started with surprising dash, and were almost over several times before O'Rourke scored, following on a short kick over the line. Ogg goal. Western Suburbs did all the scoring for the remainder of the half, but the University attacked a lot, but could not complete their efforts. F Matterson scored the first try from a ruck on the Students' line, after repeated success in the scrums brought the Blacks up there. Soon Matterson scored again; shooting along the wing from half-way, he beat two men and scored before his opponents woke up. McMillan converted this try. A very fine passing rush by the Western Suburbs' backs was stopped just short of the line, but from the resultant ruck Hayes scored after a scrambling rush. Half-time.

Western Suburbs held the upper hand for the greater part of the second half, though the stubborn defence held them out. Finally, Hayes, on being awarded a penalty right on his opponents' line, made a very small kick and dived on the ball to score. A goal to McIntyre and Western Suburbs led 16-5, and then Owen made a corkscrew run to score from five yards out. A final burst of 'Varsity ended with O'Rourke carrying several defenders over, to score in the corner. McIntyre converted.

All Western Suburbs' team were in good form, with Matterson in the forwards a champion. Redmond and Owen shone out in the backs. O'Rourke was easily the best player for 'Varsity, though McIntyre, a forward playing full-back, was also good. Rowley and Ryan were the pick of the forwards. **(Sunday Times 22nd May 1927)**

O'Rourke was the outstanding centre in this match. He handled cleverly, ran very strongly, and was always on the spot in defence. What O'Rourke was to the visitors, F Matterson was to the home team. This forward revelled in the hard going, and was conspicuous for his tackling and headwork. Others to do well for the winners were Hayes and Spillane in the forwards, and Redmond, Hey, and Owen in the backs. McMillan was very safe at full-back and while not as spectacular as usual was perhaps more dependable. McIntyre, University's full-back, was very good, save that his kicking was inaccurate. He ran his three-quarters into position in a manner seldom seen in grade football these days... **(The Referee 25th May 1927)**

**Notes:** Wests came back to winning ways with a solid performance against University. Frank Matterson obviously didn't deserve to be sent off the week before as he was exonerated at the judiciary. He came back to be the best forward on the field and his second try was an impressive piece of pace along the sideline. 'Pony' Redmond and Harry Owen also played very strongly. Neil Matterson made a welcome return to Firsts at the expense of Cecil Fifield.