



1926 Round 9 Saturday 26th June North Sydney Oval



Western Suburbs 29

def.

North Sydney 6

Frank McMILLAN (c)
Neil MATTERSON
Jack HOLMES
Cecil FIFIELD
Jack REDMOND
Jerry BRIEN
Harry OWEN
Edward COURTNEY Jnr
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

Henry WATERHOUSE
Jack COURTNEY
Carl ANEMAN
R HENRY
A BERECRY
Eric HOGAN
C CARROLL
G WUNSCH
Leo O'CONNOR (c)
Cecil JOHNSON
Wally HANCOCK
George SEWELL
Os REID

Tries

Jack HOLMES (2)
Jim PARSONS (2)
Bob LINDFIELD
Jerry BRIEN
Cecil FIFIELD
Harry OWEN
Jack REDMOND

R HENRY
Leo O'CONNOR

Goals

Edward COURTNEY Jnr (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F McMillan ©; three-quarters, N Matterson, J Holmes, C Fifield, T Redmond; halves, J Brien, H Owens; forwards, F Matterson, F Spillane, R Lindfield, J Parsons, J Drew, E Courtney

North Sydney: Full-back, H Waterhouse; three-quarters, J Courtney, T Arneman, A Berecry, R Henry; halves, E Hogan, C Carroll; forwards, C Johnson, G Sewell, O Reid, W Hancock, L O'Connor (c), J S Wunsch **Referee: M Brannaghan (Sunday Times 27th June 1926)**

Played at North Sydney Oval, Western Suburbs winning by 29 points to 6. The attendance was about 3000.

Western Suburbs opened the game, but was recalled and from the resulting scrums Hogan secured, but North Sydney was penalised in its own twenty-five. Henry intercepted near half-way, and crossed over. Courtney failed to convert. Western Suburbs then started a dribbling rush, and Owen picked up from the ruck, and crossed over. North Sydney 3, Western Suburbs 3. North Sydney received several penalties and was often able to turn the game to Western Suburbs' quarters, where Arneman put in a good run, but his short punts put the ball out of play. Later, Western Suburbs started a passing rush, and Parsons scored but McMillan failed to convert. Then Brien gathered the ball near half-way, and kicked over to Redmond, who scored. Western Suburbs was having the advantage of the scrums, and had North Sydney on the defensive. The half-time scores were Western Suburbs 9, North Sydney 3.

When play was resumed Western Suburbs gained the ascendancy, and tries were scored by Fifield, Holmes and Parsons. E Courtney converted the latter. Another rush by Western Suburbs had North Sydney on the defensive, and Holmes picked up well, and scored a great try. Carroll (N.S.) was injured and left the field. After Lindfield had crossed over for Western Suburbs, North Sydney had its opponents on the defensive, and from a free McMillan started a movement, which ended in the home side's twenty-five, through a forward pass by the visitors. From a scrum Arneman secured, and passed to Hogan, who punted for O'Connor to follow on and score, the try remaining unconverted. Western Suburbs, 26-6. Loose play followed, and Brien secured near North Sydney's lines, and dived over, McMillan failing to convert. Western Suburbs 29-6. These were the final scores. McMillan and Fifield were conspicuous amongst Western Suburbs, while Arneman, Berecry, and Wunsch played the best game for North Sydney. **(Sydney Morning Herald 28th June 1926)**

Notes: Bill Carpenter was in the original team, replaced by Tedda Courtney Jnr. This was a devastating display of hard running by Wests, both backs and forwards making line breaks. McMillan was unanimously the best player on the ground but Cecil Fifield and Jim Parsons were also given big wraps. The game was marked by a lot of penalties in the first half and some woeful kicking - 9 tries, one conversion! McMillan missed all his shots and the experiment of using Tedda Junior didn't seem to work. Cyril Bellamy was on the reserve bench.