



1922 Round 13 Saturday 29th July Pratten Park



Glebe 11

Reg STAPLETON
 Charlie OGLE
 Tommy JAMES
 Eddie SUMMERS
 Jack TOOHEY
 William STIRTON
 Bill BENSON (c)
 Frank BURGE
 Laidley BURGE
 Jack REDMOND
 Tom McGRATH
 Walter HADDOCK
 Peter COLL
 Charlie RICKETTS
 C STUART

def.

Fullback
Wing
Centre
Centre
Wing
Five-eighth
Half
Lock
Second Row
Second Row
Front Row
Hooker
Front Row
Reserve
Reserve

Western Suburbs 8

Frank McMILLAN
 Cyril BELLAMY
 Fred YANZ
 Neil MATTERSON
 Wally COLLINS
 Arthur MENDEL
 Eric DOIG
 Harold LEDDY
 Louis YANZ
 Jack DREW
 Edward COURTNEY (c)
 Clarrie PRENTICE
 William JOASS



Tries Jack TOOHEY (2)
 Frank BURGE

Eric DOIG
 Harold LEDDY

Goals Jack REDMOND (1)

Eric DOIG (1)

Match Description

Glebe: Fullback, R Stapleton; three-quarters, C Ogle, E Summers, T James, J Toohey; half-backs, W Stirton, W Benson; forwards, L Burge, W Haddock, T McGrath, J Redmond, P Coll, F Burge
Western Suburbs: Fullback, F McMillan; three-quarters, W Collins, F Yanz, N Matterson, C Bellamy; half-backs, E Mendel, E Doig; forwards, J Drew, E Courtney, C W Prentice, W Joass, L Yanz, H J Leddy **Referee: W Neill**

The game was fairly even; if anything, Western Suburbs had the better of the play, and Glebe were, perhaps, fortunate to finish in front. Glebe started play with a good breeze in their favour, and play was even till McMillan put Western Suburbs in position in a good kick. Glebe drove them back, and then Burge opened the score by a characteristic run from half-way, showing wonderful pace on the heavy ground, and scoring in a good position. Redmond missed the goal, and Glebe led by 3 to nil. Western Suburbs continued to attack, and Glebe were compelled to force. Another great run by Burge gained fully 50 yards, but a penalty relieved Western Suburbs. James retired, Ricketts going on as five-eighth, and Stirton to centre three-quarter. Glebe were looking dangerous when McMillan saved with a clever kick. Although playing against a strong breeze, Western Suburbs were holding their own. Glebe backs executed a good passing rush, which ended in Toohey securing, and, out-pacing the opposition, he scored a try. Redmond failed at goal and Glebe led by 6 to nil. Burge broke away, but Ogle knocked on. Western Suburbs backs began an attack, and Doig, taking a reverse pass from Collins, scored a try. The same player converted, making Glebe 6 to 5. Doig had two unsuccessful shots from penalties, and half-time arrived with the scores unaltered.

In the second half Western Suburbs made strenuous efforts to gain the victory, and were constantly on the attack, but failure to do the right thing at the critical moment, and strong defence by Glebe, saved the game for the latter. A few minutes after resuming Bellamy was almost over. The Glebe backs were, however, getting a great share of the ball from the scrums, and in one rush Toohey again got going, and scored another try. Redmond kicked a difficult goal, and Glebe led by 11 to 5. McMillan, who played a great game all through, brought the ball to Glebe's line, and after some determined play, Doig secured and passed to Leddy, who crossed over with a try. Doig missed the goal, and Glebe led by 11 to 8. For 10 minutes Western Suburbs stormed the line.... For the remainder of the game Western Suburbs were mostly on the attack, but Glebe's defence proved equal to the task, and full-time arrived with the scores – Glebe, 11; Western Suburbs, 8. **(Sydney Morning Herald 31st July 1922)**

Every man on the field played well up to standard, but perhaps the most admirable work was by Wests' fullback, Tricky McMillan, whose long punts and wonderful return kicking against a fairly strong wind was one of the many fine features of the game. His tackling was superb, and the way he brought down F Burge was a sight well worth seeing. **(The Sydney Sportsman 1st August 1922)**

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Notes: Wests appeared to be very unlucky to lose this game. They attacked for most of the second half but couldn't get the winning try. Frank McMillan was a star again in this game and one of his breaks should have led to a try. Neil Matterson also was given a good wrap in The Sportsman. Wests had been losing close games but were about to win two of them in a row against good teams.