



1923 Round 15 Saturday 18th August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 27

def.

Newtown 5

Frank McMILLAN
 Fred YANZ
 Cecil FIFIELD
 William McCABE
 Wally COLLINS
 Gordon STETTLER
 Eric DOIG
 Harold LEDDY
 Louis YANZ
 Jack DREW
 Bill CARPENTER
 Clarrie PRENTICE (c)
 Edward COURTNEY

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

Tom ELLIS
 Andy SEE
 C HUNT
 Joe MANSTED
 A GALWAY
 F ELLIOTT
 A STEVENS
 Felix RYAN (c)
 Harold BAINS
 H ANDREWS
 E H STEPHENSON
 Tom LEANEY
 H EDWARDS

Tries

Eric DOIG (2)
 Harold LEDDY (2)
 Wally COLLINS
 Edward COURTNEY
 Jack DREW

H EDWARDS

Goals

Eric DOIG (3)

Tom ELLIS (1)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back, T Ellis; three-quarters, A Galway, J Mansted, A See, C Hunt; half-backs, F Elliott, B Stevens; forwards, H V Bains, T Leaney, F Ryan (capt), H Andrews, H Edwards, H W Stephenson

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, W McCabe, F Yanz, C Fifield, W Collins; half-backs, G Stettler, E Doig; forwards, E Courtney, C Prentice, J Drew, L Yanz, H J Leddy, W Carpenter **Referee: A Thornton**

Newtown had the advantage of a slight breeze, and their forwards at once adopted bustling tactics, keeping the Western Suburbs' backs on the defence. A cross-kick by Collins was well gathered by Mansted, who dashed through, and kicked, but McMillan saved. Ellis gained 40 yards with a line kick, and Newtown attacked, but Fifield saved. Eventually Newtown scored; Stevens sent it to Edwards, who forced his way over. Ellis converted, and Newtown led by 5-0. Western Suburbs scored almost immediately. McMillan kicked, and the ball touching a Newtown player in its flight put the Western Suburbs forwards on-side, and Courtney, securing, showed good pace in scoring. Doig failed at goal, and Newtown led by 5-3. Newtown were again on the attack, when Doig intercepted a pass, ran well, kicked over the full-back; Drew following fast got up in time to score. Doig failed again, and Western Suburbs led 6-5. McMillan gained fully 50 yards with a line kick, and his side attacked, but Mansted relieved with a good run. Then Doig secured from a scrum, sent it to Fifield, who cut through and kicked, but the bounce beat him, and Newtown saved. Ellis attempted to kick, but Courtney blocked it, and getting possession ran for the line but was pulled down from behind. Half-time arrived with the scores Western Suburbs 6, Newtown 5.

On resuming Fifield made a good dash, being tackled near the line. Following this the ball went to Collins, and the winger, using his weight, bumped Ellis and scored. McMillan missed the goal and Western Suburbs led 9-5. Shortly afterwards Fifield broke through and passed to Leddy, who forced his way over. Stettler had the kick, but failed, and Western Suburbs led 12-5. Newtown were now continually on the defence, and the Western Suburbs' backs handling well and showing good combination added three more tries, all of which were converted by Doig, who also scored two of the last three tries. The game ended with the scores Western Suburbs 27, Newtown 5. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 20th August 1923)**

Fullback McMillan had very little hard work to do, but he ran in excellent form, and it seemed as though he mocked the attempts of the Blue Brigade to pull him down. He also kicked splendidly, one effort from half-way late in the second half that went out on Newtown's line being a gem.....All the Western forwards played well, with H J Leddy and E Courtney, the warhorses, about the best. **(The Referee 22nd August 1923)**

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Notes: This was a comprehensive win for Wests, with big performances from a number of players. McMillan, Fifield, Leddy and Courtney were given big wraps, especially the old war-horses, Courtney and Leddy. Courtney's try was scored from half-way where he outpaced everyone; he was 38!! Wests scored 21 points in the last 30 minutes to run away. Gordon Stettler was tried at five-eighth and went well, apparently. Some records have Harold Bains scoring Newtown's try but all accounts had H Edwards, up from Seconds, scoring the try.