



1922 Round 18 Saturday 2nd September Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 18

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St. George 2

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

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

Harold KING
 Bill SADLER
 George CARSTAIRS
 Des MULLARKEY
 Norm SHADLOW
 Arnold TRAYNOR
 Tommy BURNS
 S NEALE
 Jim MORRIS
 Ernie LAPHAM
 Clarrie TYE (c)
 Arthur GORE
 Harry FLOWER



Tries Neil MATTERSON (2)
 Wally COLLINS
 Clarrie PRENTICE

Goals Eric DOIG (3) George CARSTAIRS (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Fullback, F McMillan; three-quarters, W Collins, N Matterson, R Vest, C Bellamy; half-backs, A Mendel, E Doig; forwards, L Yanz, C Prentice, W Joass, E Brooks, J Drew, H J Leddy

St George: Fullback, H King; three-quarters, N Shadlow, D Mullarkey, G Carstairs, W Sadler; half-backs, A Traynor, T Burns; forwards, S Neale, A Gore, C Tye, E Lapham, J Morris, H Flower **Referee: J Murray**

Western Suburbs kicked off against the wind. Good play between Matterson and Collins ended in Matterson scoring in the corner. Doig just missed with a good kick. Western Suburbs 3 to nil. A long kick by Carstairs gained ground, and St George attacked and were awarded a penalty, but Carstairs missed the goal. After a good run by Lapham Western Suburbs were compelled to force. St George attacked strongly, but Doig saved. There was a period of uninteresting play, and then Doig gained ground with a good kick. Western Suburbs now attacked, and from a penalty Doig kicked the goal. Western Suburbs 5 to nil. Doig started his backs, and after a clever cut through by Mendel, Matterson secured and scored his second try. Doig missed the goal, and Western Suburbs led by 8 to nil.....St George got another penalty, and this time Carstairs kicked the goal. Western Suburbs, 8 to 2. Good play by Burns gained ground, and from a penalty Carstairs just missed with a good kick. At Half-time Western Suburbs led 8 to 2.

St George restarted by attacking, but their passing was faulty, and stopped progress. A good run by Shadlow, who passed to Tye, saw play taken to Western Suburbs' line, where McMillan was injured in stopping Tye. In a good passing rush by Western Suburbs Vest cut through, and passed to Collins, who outpaced his opponents and scored a good try. Doig failed at goal, and Western Suburbs led by 11 to 2. Play was even for some time, the tackling being very solid..... Play now became somewhat willing, and the referee had to caution some of the players. ...From a penalty to St George the ball was kicked against Prentice, who picked it up and fell over the line. Doig converted, and Western Suburbs led by 16 to 2. A good rush by Western Suburbs was stopped by Matterson missing a pass. From a penalty Doig just missed the goal, but was successful a little later. Western Suburbs, 18 to 2. Full-time. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 4th September 1922)**

West's final try was scored in a most unusual manner. Tye, of St George, was kicking from a penalty near his own line, when the ball struck Prentice (who was on the mark) on the back and rolled over the line, and Prentice simply could not resist falling on it and adding another try for the Magpies. **(The Sydney Sportsman 5th September 1922)**

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Notes: This was a good way to end a relatively disappointing season with a win at home. McMillan was again outstanding and had clearly stamped his mark on his future stellar career. This match however was notable for one reason; the retirement from First Grade of Ranji Joass. Ranji played 12 seasons for 138 First Grade games, scoring 14 tries, and 18 City Cup matches for one try; 156 games all up for 15 tries. He did, however, decide to play in Second Grade in the following year and helped that team to a semi-final in the League Cup. He remains one of Wests' most colourful forwards; a real drawcard. The City Cup competition was unusual in this season with selected competition matches against all the other teams counting and the final four to play off. Wests came fifth by two points and didn't play in the finals. Glebe defeated Easts on this day and so forced a play-off for the Premiership on the following Wednesday with North Sydney, which North Sydney won 35 to 3.