



# 1924 Round 3 Saturday 17th May Pratten Park



## St George 13

def.

## Western Suburbs 10

Percy GABBE  
 Frank SAUNDERS  
 Fred HUME  
 George CARSTAIRS (c)  
 Norm SHADLOW  
 Arnold TRAYNOR  
 Tommy BURNS  
 Ernie LAPHAM  
 Harry FLOWER  
 Bill HARDMAN  
 Tom PETERS  
 Arthur JUSTICE  
 Clarrie TYE

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

Frank McMILLAN  
 Neil MATTERSON  
 Joe MANSTED  
 Fred YANZ  
 Wally COLLINS  
 Jerry BRIEN  
 Eric DOIG  
 Jack DREW  
 Louis YANZ  
 Harold LEDDY  
 Edward COURTNEY  
 Clarrie PRENTICE (c)  
 Edward STAPLETON



**Tries** Arthur JUSTICE  
 Ernie LAPHAM  
 Frank SAUNDERS

Jerry BRIEN  
 Harold LEDDY

**Goals** George CARSTAIRS (2)

Frank McMILLAN (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, W Collins, J Mansted, F Yanz, N Matterson; halves, J Brien, E Doig; forwards, E Courtney, C Prentice, J Drew, H Leddy, L Yanz, E Stapleton.

**St George:** Full-back, P Gabbe; three-quarters, F Saunders, G Carstairs, F Hume, N Shadlow; halves, F Traynor, T Burns; forwards, C Tye, A Justice, T Peters, E Lapham, W Hardman, H Flower **Referee: F Delaney**

Carstairs set the game in motion and within two minutes kicked a penalty goal from near half-way. St George 2-0. Doig gained ground with a good run, but St George backs returned with a good passing rush. Saunders gathered from a kick and ran well till Matterson tackled him. Good play between Traynor and Carstairs brought play to the 25. Traynor intercepted and passed to Hume to Shadlow, who missed the pass, and lost a splendid opportunity. Western Suburbs were getting the ball from the scrum, but could not make much headway, the backs failing to use their opportunities. St George forwards with the ball at toe, brought play to the Western Suburbs' line, where Justice, picking up, scored in the corner. Carstairs failed at goal. St George 5-0. Doig failed from a penalty, and St George forced, but a little later, from outside the 25, McMillan kicked a penalty goal, and St George led 5-2. A period of even play followed till Western Suburbs' backs brought off a good passing rush, which ended near the goal line. From a scrum, the forwards dribbled the ball and Leddy, snapping up, scored in a good position. McMillan failed at goal. Five points all. In front of the goal, Carstairs missed a pass, and spoilt a good opportunity. Good play by Hume, Shadlow, Traynor, and Lapham ended in the last-named scoring a good try, which Carstairs converted, making the scores – St George 10, Western Suburbs 5 at half-time.

Western Suburbs started the second half with a great dash, F Yanz just failing to reach the line. St George came back, Saunders making a good run along the touch-line, and when blocked, kicked over McMillan's head. In the race for the ball, however, he was beaten by Matterson. Western Suburbs were now showing dash, but the handling was poor, and promising movements were stopped. Traynor was now carried off injured and St George played one short. Tye, breaking through passed to Burns on to Hume, who threw a long pass out to Saunders, who skirted the touch-line and scored a splendid try. Carstairs failed at goal. St George – 13-5. From outside the 25, Doig passed to Brien, who dodged the opposing backs, and scored a brilliant try. McMillan converted. St George 13-10. The game was remarkable for the number of minor accidents. Western Suburbs made strenuous efforts to avert defeat and nearly scored when Saunders relieved cleverly. From a high punt by Prentice, Hardman secured and passed to Lapham, who, when confronted, passed to Saunders unmarked. The scores were unaltered at no-side, St George winning by 13 points to 10. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 19th May 1924)**

**Notes:** This was a very hard fought game and was the first time St George had beaten Wests. Wests had lots of chances but so did St George. A side note on this game was that Jack Redmond was reserve, after coming back from Glebe, along with Fred Elliott. Wests were coming off a bye.