

1923 Round 3 Saturday 19th May Pratten Park

Glebe 15 def. Western Suburbs 7

Eddie CUMMINS Fullback Frank McMILLAN William COCKBURN Fred YANZ Wing **Eddie SUMMERS** Gordon STETTLER Centre Tommy JAMES Centre **Neil MATTERSON Ewart McMILLAN** Wing William McCABE Charlie RICKETTS Five-eighth Cecil FIFIELD Bill BENSON (c) Half Eric DOIG Jack REDMOND Lock Jack DREW **Edward GODDARD** Second Row Louis YANZ **Roy LISTON** Second Row Harold LEDDY **Bill LUCAS** Front Row **Edward COURTNEY** Walter HADDOCK Hooker Clarrie PRENTICE (c) Tom McGRATH Front Row **Edward STAPLETON**

Tries William COCKBURN (2) Gordon STETTLER

Edward GODDARD (2) Tommy JAMES

Gordon STETTLER (2)

Match Description

Glebe: E Cummins, full-back; W Cockburn, E Summers, T James, E McMillan, three-quarters; C Ricketts, five-eighth; W Benson, half-back; T McGrath, W Haddock, A Redmond, W Lucas, R Liston, E Goddard, forwards

Western Suburbs: F McMillan, full-back; F Yanz, G Stettler, N Matterson, W McCabe, three-quarters; C Fifield, five-eighth; E Doig, half-back; E Courtney, C Prentice, E Stapleton, L Yanz, J Drew, H J Leddy, forwards Referee: J Murray

After some good rushes by Wests' backs, Stettler received a pass, and, making a good run, scored in the corner. Wests 3 to nil. T James showed extra good form in a movement which meant a certain try only his pass to a forward was dropped. Shortly after this, following some scrambling, W Cockburn got over for Glebe – 8 all. Stettler then goaled from an easy position. Wests 5 to 3. W Cockburn tackled excellently for Glebe as Matterson could testify. James again made a great run and again saved brilliantly. Stettler kicked across his own line, and W Cockburn, following up, scored again for Glebe. Redmond failed at goal. Glebe 6 to 5. Full-back Cummins tackled McCabe right on the goal line, and effected a good save for Glebe. But Wests' backs came again, McCabe being forced out on the goal-line. Cummins picked up again from the toes of three forwards, and saved the Glebe. He was doing great work. At half-time Glebe led by 6 to 5, but West had played a trifle the better football in a fine game.

Early in the second half T James intercepted for Glebe and, running fast to the full-back, whom he dodged, scored a beautiful try from past half-way. Cummins failed in an easy shot at goal. Glebe, 9 to 5. Glebe were now at their top. From a forward rush Goddard scored a good try for Glebe, after a determined run. Liston failed at goal. Glebe, 12 to 5. Wests came at them, but Glebe's backs defended soundly, James and Summers playing particularly well. Cummins also showed out, once with a very fine, dodgy run. However, Wests continued to press and Stettler scored two more points from a penalty goal. Glebe, 12 to 7. Glebe made two beautiful tackles, grounding Matterson and then McMillan. Once again wing three-quarter McMillan (Glebe) saved his side. Then Redmond made a good run, bumping four men over, thus using his weight to effect. Glebe's forwards were playing extremely well, especially in the loose. Glebe were dominating the scrums. Doig was too slow at half-back for West, compared with Benson, while all the Glebe backs were defending admirably. Benson was particularly good in working on the blind side, besides being slippery as an eel. From a Glebe forward rush Redmond picked up and passed to Goddard, who ran on and scored from beyond the 25. Glebe 15 to 7. Among a solid set of backs James defended splendidly, being the heart and soul of the Glebe defence. It was a fine game, with Glebe showing splendid form in the second half, during which the forwards and backs alike played very solid Rugby. (Sunday Times 20th May 1923)

In the backs, Stettler and McCabe, and in the forwards, Leddy, Drew, and Courtney played well for Western Suburbs,	who are a far better
side than results imply. (Referee 23rd May 1923)	

Notes: Wests played quite well in this game and Harold Leddy was again credited with being the best player on the field. Glebe played well, however, and considering they had their star, Bert Gray, out it was a good performance. Wests had a bye in Round 2 and didn't come up as well as they could.

