



1923 Round 5 Saturday 2nd June Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 19

def.

University 9

Frank McMILLAN
Fred YANZ
Neil MATTERSON
Gordon STETTLER
Wally COLLINS
Arthur MENDEL
Eric DOIG
Harold LEDDY
Louis YANZ
Jack DREW
Edward STAPLETON
Clarrie PRENTICE (c)
Edward COURTNEY

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

Hubert FINN (c)
Dick O'BRIEN
Tom LINSKEY
Edward RYAN
Tom BARRY
Martin CUNNINGHAM
Maurice UNWIN
Crawford MUNRO
Bill DARRAGH
Robert DUNWORTH
Jim DUNWORTH
Clive EVATT
Martin McKEOWN

Tries

Gordon STETTLER (2)
Fred YANZ (2)
Wally COLLINS

Robert DUNWORTH

Goals

Gordon STETTLER (1)
Eric DOIG (1)

Tom LINSKEY (3)

Match Description

University: Full-back, H C Flinn; three-quarters, T Barry, T W Linskey, E J Ryan, R O'Brien; half-backs, M Cunningham, L Unwin; forwards, M L McKeon, C R Evatt, W N Darragh, J Dunworth, R A Dunworth, C Munro

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, W Collins, N Matterson, G Stettler, F Yanz; half-backs, A Mendel, E Doig; forwards, E Courtney, C W Prentice, E Stapleton, J Drew, L Yanz, H J Leddy **Referee: W Neill**

..... Evatt started play for University, the kick-off being recalled for a scrum at centre. A kicking duel then took place between the full-backs, from which McMillan emerged with the advantage. Leddy was prominent in a good rush, which brought play to University's territory, but a penalty brought relief. Doig gained ground with a neat kick, and then his backs, with a passing rush, were again on the attack, but the defence was sound. University came back, and Doig, getting off-side, gave Linskey an opportunity to kick a good goal from outside the 25. University 2 to nil. From a scrum the ball went to Cunningham, who cut through, passed to Linskey, then to O'Brien, who was pushed out at the twenty-five. Western Suburbs were getting the ball from the majority of the scrums, but in the loose the University forwards were holding their own. McMillan started his backs going, and Stettler, after running well in, passed to F Yanz, who scored a try. Stettler missed at goal, and Western Suburbs led by 3 to 2. Another good rush by Western Suburbs saw Collins get the ball from Courtney and score a try, which Stettler again failed to convert, making the scores; Western Suburbs 6, University 2. Western Suburbs continued aggressively and Doig sent the ball to Stettler, who scored after a good run. Doig converted, and at half-time Western Suburbs were leading by 11 points to 2.

When play was resumed F Yanz secured in the University's 25, and, beating the full-back, scored his second try. Doig failed at goal, and Western Suburbs led by 14 to 2. University now livened up, and a penalty gave Linskey an opportunity to kick a goal. Western Suburbs 14, University 4. University were now playing better and eventually R Dunworth secured and found his way over for a try, which Linskey converted. Western Suburbs 14, University 9. University continued to attack but Courtney broke away with the ball at toe, and carried play to University's full-back, who saved, and started his backs on another good rush, which ended in Western Suburbs' 25. Western Suburbs drove them back, but Finn again brought play to Western Suburbs' territory. A good rush by Western Suburbs was spoilt by Collins, who knocked on and missed a certain try. Western Suburbs came again, and O'Brien, on trying to pass to a comrade, gave Stettler a chance to intercept, which he did, and in a flash was over the line. The same player converted, and Western Suburbs led by 19 to 9. For the remainder of the game University were on the defence, and when time arrived the scores were: Western Suburbs 19, University 9. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 4th June 1923)**

Notes: Wests continued their good form with a strong win. Clarrie Prentice won the ball all day in the scrums and was again a stand-out with Harold Leddy. Gordon Stettler scored two good tries and showed that he was most probably the fastest player in the club when he represented Wests on the following Monday in a 100 yard sprint against all-comers from the football clubs. He couldn't beat the flying Cecil Blinkhorn, however. For some reason Wests didn't have a representative in the forward division; they might have been tough but apparently lacked speed! The kicking problems continued with only 2 of the 5 tries converted and numerous penalties missed.