# 1923 Round 6 Saturday 9th June Pratten Park

## Western Suburbs 27

### def.

#### Newtown 17



Frank McMILLAN Fred YANZ **Neil MATTERSON** William McCABE Wally COLLINS Cecil FIFIELD Eric DOIG Harold LEDDY Louis YANZ Jack DRFW

**Edward STAPLETON Bob LINDFIELD** 

Edward COURTNEY (c)

Wally COLLINS (2)

Harold LEDDY (2)

**Edward COURTNEY Bob LINDFIELD** Fred YANZ

Reserve

**Fullback** Jack DAY Wing Andy SEE **Ernie TATE** Centre Centre Joe MANSTED Wing George GAUDRY Five-eighth Alec BOLEWSKI (c) Half Charles KFLL Lock Harold BAINS Second Row **H ANDREWS** Second Row Henry CAVANOUGH Front Row **E H STEPHENSON** 

Hooker Clive EVATT Front Row George CLAMBACK

Tom JONES

George GAUDRY (2)

Joe MANSTED

Goals

Tries

Frank McMILLAN (2) Cecil FIFIELD (1)

Jack DAY (4)

### **Match Description**

Newtown: Full-back, J Day; three-quarters, A See, E Tate, J Mansted, G Gaudry; half-backs, A Bolewski, C Kell; forwards, H Anderson, J Knight, H Bains, E H Stephenson, H Cavanough, G H Clamback, T Jones

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F McMillan, N Matterson, W McCabe, F Yanz; half-backs, C Fifield, E Doig; forwards, E Courtney, Lindfield, E Stapleton, J Drew, L Yanz, H J Leddy Referee: D Neill

Although not very brilliant, the game was fast and exciting. Shortly after the kick-off McMillan knocked on, and from the ensuing scrum Newtown attacked, but Stapleton relieved with a good run. .... McMillan again got his side out of trouble when Newtown were looking dangerous. Western Suburbs' forwards attacked, and Leddy, with the ball at toe, beat Day and scored in a good position. Doig missed an easy goal, and Western Suburbs led by 3 to nil. Play was in Western Suburbs' twenty-five for some time, Bains being almost over the line. A penalty brought relief. F Yanz, securing later, ran straight through, and beating Day, scored a try. Fifield converted, and Western Suburbs led by 8 to nil. Andrews retired; his place being taken by Jones. A penalty against Doig gave Day an opportunity to kick an easy goal, and Western Suburbs led by 8 to 2. McMillan now put in a great run, passed to Collins, who scored in a good position, but Fifield failed to convert, and Western Suburbs led by 11 to 2. Newtown attacked, and Mansted, getting the ball, cut straight through the opposing backs, and scored under the posts. Day converted, and at half-time the scores were: Western Suburbs 11, Newtown 7.

..... Then Western Suburbs, with a great rush, backs and forwards combined, scored again per medium of Collins. Drew failed at goal. Western Suburbs 14 to 7. Courtney was the next to score after some ruck work near the line. McMillan converted and Western Suburbs led by 19 to 7. Newtown rallied and Gaudry following fast beat McMillan and scored near the corner. Day with a splendid kick converted, and the scores stood at Western Suburbs 19, Newtown 12. Western Suburbs came again and Doig, after a good rush, passed to Leddy, who scored his second try. McMillan failed at goal, and Western Suburbs led by 22 to 12. .... Day attempted tackles, but the ball rebounded from a Western Suburbs' forward, and Lindfield being handy scored in a good position for McMillan to convert. Making the scores Western Suburbs 27, Newtown 12. Newtown were not done yet, and Gaudry, getting the ball, ran well along the touch-line and scored in the corner. Day with another great kick, converted, and Western Suburbs led by 27 to 17. For the remaining few minutes, Western Suburbs continued the attack. (Sydney Morning Herald 11th June 1923)

The margin might have been even greater, as Western Suburbs threw away many chances of scoring by errors in holding the ball at the crucial moments........The best Western players were McMillan, the full-back, who played a really splendid game, being in great heart in running and catching. .... (The Referee 13th June 1923)

Notes: With Clarrie Prentice out Tedda Courtney became a deserved captain. This was a hard, tough game where McMillan again shone at fullback. Fred Yanz and Eric Doig also received good write-ups. The continued poor kicking form of Eric Doig meant experimentation with Fifield and McMillan was being tried.

