



## 1924 Round 7 Saturday 12th July Pratten Park



### Western Suburbs 25

def.

### University 8

Frank McMILLAN  
Joe MANSTED  
Neil MATTERSON  
Fred YANZ  
Wally COLLINS  
Frank McCAULEY  
Eric DOIG  
Edward COURTNEY Jnr  
Frank MATTERSON  
Frank LANE  
Edward STAPLETON  
Clarrie PRENTICE (c)  
Jack DREW

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

Hubert FINN (c)  
Frank O'ROURKE  
Tom LINSKEY  
Tom BARRY  
Edward RYAN  
Alby LANE  
Maurice UNWIN  
Jim DUNWORTH  
Crawford MUNRO  
Robert DUNWORTH  
Horace MOXON  
Bill DARRAGH  
J BRIDGMAN

#### Tries

Wally COLLINS  
Joe MANSTED  
Neil MATTERSON  
Frank McMILLAN  
Fred YANZ

Alby LANE  
Edward RYAN

#### Goals

Frank McMILLAN (5)

Edward RYAN (1)

#### Match Description

**University:** Full-back, H C Finn; three-quarters, A F O'Rourke, T W Linskey, T Barry, E J Ryan; halves, E S Lane, M L Unwin; forwards, J W Bridgman, W H Darragh, H Moxon, C H Munro, R F Dunworth, J D Dunworth

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, W Collins, F Yanz, J Mansted, N Matterson; halves, F McCauley, E Doig; forwards, E Stapleton, C Prentice, J Drew, E Courtney Jun., F Matterson, F Lane **Referee: F Delaney**

.... Play remained in the centre for some time. Eventually University carried play to Western Suburbs' territory, and from a scrum Unwin sent it Ryan, who beat the defence and scored in a good position. The same player converted, and University led by 5 to nil. .... A good passing rush by Western Suburbs ended in Mansted being well tackled by Barry. A splendid effort by McMillan looked dangerous for University, but Finn drove them back with a powerful kick. University gradually worked play to half-way. From a scrum Doig secured, and the ball travelled across to Yanz, who ran strongly, but he was tackled and dropped the ball. N Matterson picked it up and scored. Doig failed at goal and University led by 5 to 3 at half-time.

Western Suburbs started the second half with plenty of dash, and for a while had University defending. .... Western Suburbs eventually advanced the scores, McMillan kicking a splendid penalty from half-way. .... N Matterson again secured the ball, and passed to McMillan, who ran through the field and scored. The same player converted with a fine kick. Western Suburbs 10-5. Western Suburbs scored again a little later. Matterson passed to Mansted, who scored a good try. McMillan missed the goal. Western Suburbs 13-5. From a penalty McMillan was successful. Western Suburbs 15-5. Another great rush by the backs ended in F Yanz scoring in a good position. McMillan converted. Western Suburbs 20-5. McMillan, after a great run, passed to Collins, who scored. McMillan again converted. Western Suburbs 25-5. University rallied and Lane, picking up in the open, scored. Ryan failed at goal, and full time arrived with the scores - Western Suburbs 25, University 8. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 14th July 1924)**

McMillan, who for many weeks previously had shown poor form, surprised his supporters on Saturday by coming out of his shell and scoring thirteen out of West's total of twenty-five, his total being made up of 1 try and five goals. It can safely be said that by his phenomenal try he has regained his old form, At top speed he raced from the full-back position into that of the winger, and not for a moment slackening in his speed, he gathered the ball, and, after speeding from past half-way, he crossed the line without being in any way hindered. .... **(The Sydney Sportsman 15th July 1924)**

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**Notes:** University had two of their good players out; Flattery and Evatt, but this was still an excellent win. All five tries were scored by the backs with Neil Matterson involved in all the backline movements. McMillan had a startling return to form and was lauded in all newspaper accounts. Clarrie Prentice was being out-hooked early so Frank Lane went into the hooker role, one that he frequently took on in later times. This was an attractive, fast game. McMillan only missed one goal and gave hope that some of their goal-kicking woes might be solved.