



1922 Round 7 Saturday 17th June Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 39

def.

University 5

Fred YANZ
Wally COLLINS
Neil MATTERSON
William MATTHEWS
Cyril BELLAMY
Arthur MENDEL
Eric DOIG
William JOASS
Louis YANZ
Edward COURTNEY (c)
Edward BROOKS
Clarrie PRENTICE
Jack DREW

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

J SULLIVAN
R FERRY
Tom BARRY
H MURPHY
H McLOSKEY
Maurice UNWIN
M KEOGH
Edward RYAN
Noel SLIGAR (c)
William FENNELL
Les HALBERSTATER
L HENRY
Paul HYNDES

Tries

Cyril BELLAMY (3)
Wally COLLINS (3)
Clarrie PRENTICE
Jack DREW
William MATTHEWS

Les HALBERSTATER

Goals

Eric DOIG (6)

L HENRY (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: F Yanz, fullback; W Collins, N Matterson, W Matthews, C Bellamy, three-quarters; E Doig, five-eighth; W Mindall, half-back; E Courtney, C W Prentice, L Yanz, W Joass, J Drew, E Brooks, forwards

University: J Sullivan, fullback; R terry, T Barry, H C Murphy, H McLoskey, three-quarters; M Unwin, five-eighth; M Keogh, half-back; L Henry, P Hyndes, L Halberstater, W Fennell, N Sligar, E J Ryan, forwards **F Delaney, referee.**

Doig opened the game, and University came with a rush, which ended near half-way. Owing to the absence of the majority of the First Graders in New Zealand, the Students entered the field with a weakened team; only two (Sligar and Ryan) having previously played in the First Grade this season. Sligar was conspicuous in a strong attempt to break through but he was downed near the line. Thus far, University were easily holding their own. Western Suburbs were slow in finding their feet, and for a time the Students kept them in their own 25. The superior weight of Western Suburbs, however, began to make its presence felt, and they gradually drove their opponents back to their own 25. Here University were penalised for a breach in the ruck, and Doig drew first blood for his side with a penalty goal. University's fullback (J Sullivan) was several times conspicuous with fine line kicks. Prentice was hooking the ball regularly from the scrummages, and his backs had plenty of chances, but the University's tackling was good. Mendal now started a bright movement. He secured from a ruck and sent to Matterson, who drew the defence, and Collins had a clear run, and Western Suburbs led 5 to nil. The Students were rapidly falling away, and Western Suburbs made inroads to their territory. Bellamy shone on the home team's left wing. Western Suburbs now scored a brilliant try. Mindall intercepted a pass near his own line and sent to Matterson, who ran for 50 yards and sent to Collins, who scored his second try. Doig goaled and put his side 15 points in the lead. Half-time.

University opened the second half in good heart, and had Western Suburbs on the defensive. Several times the Students were nearly over, but ragged passing nullified their movements until Halberstater picked up in the loose and struggled over. Henry converted, and Western Suburbs led by 15 points to 5. The centre of the field was now like a quagmire, and the players had difficulty in keeping their feet. Western Suburbs again began to the ascendancy, and Collins scored after a fine run along the wing. University were never in the picture, and Western Suburbs ran through them at will, Bellamy, Prentice, Drew and Bellamy again scoring tries and Doig goals. **(The Sunday Times 18th June 1922)**

Notes: The wet weather continued and this was Wests' first win for the season. University was significantly weakened by their representative players being in New Zealand; only two First Graders backed up from the previous week. Dick Vest was out, suspended from the previous week's send-off. Arthur Mendel made his First Grade debut, after backing up from Seconds where he scored a try. Cyril Bellamy also made his debut with a dazzling effort, scoring three tries on the left wing. He looked every bit of his youthful 17 years of age in the team photo. Tedda Courtney took up the captaincy in the absence of Vest and again played strongly.