



1924 Round 8 Saturday 19th July North Sydney Oval



Western Suburbs 20

def.

North Sydney 16

Frank McMILLAN
 Fred YANZ
 Neil MATTERSON
 Joe MANSTED
 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

Henry WATERHOUSE
 Jack COURTNEY
 Herman PETERS (c)
 Frank RULE
 Rex HOOK
 Harold JOHNSON
 Vince OLIVERA
 Alf FAULL
 Wally HANCOCK
 Leo O'CONNOR
 Wal FAULL
 E LONG
 Os REID

Tries

Wally COLLINS
 Jack DREW
 Neil MATTERSON
 Fred YANZ

Os REID
 Frank RULE

Goals

Frank McMILLAN (4)

Jack COURTNEY (5)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: F McMillan, full-back; W Collins, F Yanz, J Mansted, N Matterson, three-quarters; F McCauley, five-eighth, E Doig, half-back; E Stapleton, C Prentice (capt), J Drew, E Courtney Jun., F Matterson, F Lane, forwards

North Sydney: H Waterhouse, full-back; H Peters (capt), F Rule, J Courtney, R Hook, three-quarters; H Johnson, V Oliviera, half-backs; O Reid, E Long, W Faull, W Hancock, L O'Connor, A Faull, forwards **Referee: S Jackson (The Sunday Times 20th July 1924)**

North Sydney sustained a check to their winning sequence from Western Suburbs on the oval at North Sydney, where a few thousand witnessed a most interesting game. Wests opened the scoring by McMillan, at his third attempt, landing a goal from near half-way. A fine dribbling movement by N Matterson gave him a well-earned try in the corner, and McMillan landed a splendid goal. Thence to half-time North's defence tightened. Courtney landed a fine goal in opening the North Sydney scores. With North attacking, a promising move by Johnson, the five-eighth, was spoiled by Yanz intercepting his pass to Courtney. Yanz (on the wing in this half) showed great pace, ran around Waterhouse and avoided Hook and Courtney to score a try which McMillan converted. This was a facer for North Sydney, but Courtney soon kicked another goal. Later, a dribbling rush by Wests ended in J Drew scoring in the corner, and as McMillan converted, it was 17-7. There was a palpable knock-on in this movement.

F Faull was troubled by his shoulder, which had been injured against Balmain, and he retired, North playing one short. Bucked up instead of being upset by the loss, Norths attacked keenly, and after Courtney had kicked a penalty goal, a rush by the backs, with Peters and Rule prominent, saw Rule throw off McMillan's tackle and score in the corner. Courtney landed a fine goal. West 17-11. This was interesting. In their own 25 West's forwards heeled to Doig, who gave it to McCauley, who broke through a short distance, then passed to Matterson, on to Mansted, who ran Collins into position, and passed to the winger, who just got over the line as Peters tackled him – a great try. McMillan failed at goal. Just on time North's forwards, in a rush along the wing, together with good handling by Long and Reid, gave Reid a well-merited try in the corner, and Courtney again goaled. West, 20-15. For Wests, full-back McMillan played very finely. All the other backs were tricky, with Mansted the best. E Courtney Jun. played very well among a good lot of forwards. For North Sydney, H Courtney played a very fine game on the wing. He created a thrill every time he got the ball by clever and tricky running. After missing his first two kicks he failed in only one out of six other attempts at goal. R Hook, on the other wing, also played very solidly. Rule and Peters combined nicely, but they got very few opportunities. W Faull and Reid played the best in the forwards, who were a trifle inferior to the Westerners on the play. It was a capital win, with a creditable recovery by the Shoremen in the second half. **(Referee 23rd July 1924)**

Among West's forwards E Courtney Jun. and Lane were prominent. Courtney was always on the ball, and twice broke out with the ball on his toe. His following on was good. **(The Sydney Sportsman 22nd July 1924)**

Notes: Wests continued their winning form, although Norths had three good players out in Ives, Proctor and Steele. McMillan kicked well again, landing a few from difficult angles. Apparently, the try by Fred Yanz was a real crowd-pleaser. Tedda Courtney Junior was given a big wrap as well as Drew, McCauley and Lane. Wests seemed to have found a settled combination.