



1924 Round 9 Saturday 26th July Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 18

def.

Eastern Suburbs 5

Frank McMILLAN
 Fred YANZ
 Neil MATTERSON
 Roland IVES
 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

Ed RIGNEY
 Cyril ABOTOMEY
 Les STEEL
 Jack DAWSON
 Andy SEE
 Martin CINNUINGHAM
 Sid KAUFMAN (c)
 George BODDINGTON
 Arthur OXFORD
 Tom FITZPATRICK
 Tom MOLLOY
 Harold HOLMES
 William IVES



Tries
 Wally COLLINS
 Frank MATTERSON
 Neil MATTERSON
 Frank McCAULEY

Les STEEL

Goals Frank McMILLAN (3)

Arthur OXFORD (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: F McMillan, full-back; W Collins, R Ives, F Yanz, N Matterson, three-quarters; F McCauley, E Doig, halves; E Stapleton, C Prentice, J Drew, E Courtney jun., F Matterson, F Lane, forwards

Eastern Suburbs: F Rigney full-back; C Abotomey, L Steel, J Dawson, A See, three-quarters; S Kaufman, M Cunningham, halves; W Ives, T Molloy, A Oxford, T Fitzpatrick, H Holmes, G Boddington, forwards **Referee: A Thornton**

... Wests scored first, McMillan landing a fine penalty goal from near half-way. Steel almost immediately scored Easts' only try. The ball went from Kaufman to Cunningham, who threw a long pass, which Steel cleverly gathered and, eluding McMillan, got over in a good position. Oxford converted. West's try in this half was the result of good play by McCauley, who cut through the defence and, when opposed by Rigney, gave to N Matterson to score. Wests were having slightly the better of the play, but at half-time the scores were 5 all.

The home team started the second term with plenty of dash, and in two minutes had a lead of 5 points. McCauley was again the main factor. He cut through after getting the ball from Doig and short-kicked over Rigney's head: in the race for the ball, he won and scored near the posts. McMillan converted, For the remainder of the game Wests were constantly on the attack. Their forwards were winning the scrums and playing well together in the open, and the backs began to throw the ball about in good style. Collins added a try, after a great run from half-way, badly beating Rigney, who attempted to stop him. The last try was by F Matterson after some good play, in which another young forward, E Courtney jun. figured prominently. Easts failed to increase their first half score. Wests were superior both back and forward. McCauley, Doig and McMillan in the backs, and F Matterson, Drew and Prentice in the forwards did good work, McCauley showing his best form to date. Kaufman and Steel, in the backs, and Ives and Fitzpatrick showed out best for Easts, who were quite outclassed on the day. **(Sunday Times 27th July 1924)**

McCauley was the best back on the ground. Wests fielded Ives from the seconds in Joe Mansted's position at centre. Ives played well...
.....**(The Sydney Sportsman 29th July 1924)**

Notes: With this win Wests finished equal 3rd, outright third on for and against. Roland Ives, after terrific form in the Seconds, made his first grade debut. Frank McCauley was the absolute star on the field and was showing great potential. The end of this season also brought down the curtain on the career of Tedda Courtney, although he did play some City Cup matches. He had been the dominant forward of his era and is rightly regarded as one of the players of the century. His final record for Wests was 162 First Grade games (33 tries, 1 goal) and 24 City Cup matches (2 tries) = 186 games, 35 tries, one goal for 107 points. He, of course, also played 11 matches for Australia, 41 for NSW Firsts and 4 for Metropolis. Truly a legendary player. Wally Collins also retired having played 80 First Grade games, 52 tries plus 25 City Cup, 11 tries = 105 games, 63 tries, 189 points. He also played 66 games for 26 tries, 2 goals for Newtown; a stellar career. Clarrie Prentice also retired. What a record! 10 years for 115 First Grade games, 22 tries plus 18 City Cup, another three tries = 133 games for 25 tries, 7 goals = 89 points. He also represented; 5 for Australia, 12 for NSW Firsts, 2 for NSW 2nds, 5 for Metropolis. A true warrior for Wests. Jack "Tony" Redmond also retired after 44 First Grade games plus 9 City Cup for 53 games, 3 tries, 4 goals = 17 points. He also played 67 games for Glebe and 7 for St George; 127 games all up. A great soldier and a great footballer.