



1931 Round 11 Saturday 25th July Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 17

def.

University 11

Bill RYAN
 Alan RIDLEY
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Cliff PEARCE
 Ray MORRIS
 Harry CAMERON
 Harry OWEN
 Frank MATTERSON
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Charlie WRENCH
 Laurie ROBERTS
 Bob LINDFIELD (c)
 Cecil RHODES

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

A McRAE
 Jack LOWE
 Ernest OGG (c)
 R DEMPSEY
 Sid MANNIX
 Tom MONAGHAN
 Tom McINERNEY
 Cec RUBIE
 Jim SMYTHE
 Francis LIONS
 Dick LYNCH
 Jack THOM
 John MADDEN

Tries

Alan RIDLEY (3)
 Harry CAMERON
 Charlie WRENCH

R DEMPSEY
 Tom MONAGHAN
 Jack THOM

Goals

Harry OWEN (1)

Tom McINERNEY (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back, W. Ryan; three-quarters, A. Ridley, C. Pearce, K. Sherwood, R. Morris; halves, H. Cameron, H. Owen; forwards, F. Matterson, C. Cornwell, C. Wrench, C. Rhodes, L. Roberts, R. Lindfield

University: Full-back, A. McRae; three-quarters, J. Lowe, E. S. Ogg, R. Dempsey, S. Mannix; halves, T. Monaghan, T. McInerney; forwards, J. Thom, J. Smythe, R. Lynch, C. Rubie, F. Lions, F. Frew. **Referee: A. Christie.**

There was a good crowd present when Owen opened for Wests. Uni. were soon on the attack again. McInerney made a clever break through near the centre and sent to Lowe, on to Dempsey, who scored near the posts. McInerney failed with the kick. University 3. Western Suburbs 0. Lions and Lowe had to receive ambulance attention, the latter being forced to leave the field. Wests were not long in taking advantage of University's mishap. Cameron made a great run downfield then cross-kicked. Wrench was handy and picked up to cross wide out. Pearce failed with the kick. University 3, Western Suburbs 3. Rubie, Ogg and Smythe who took Lowe's place on the wing, made ground only to see Owen and Matterson carry play back. ... Owen broke through to the University twenty-five, and sent a long pass to Ridley, who juggled the ball several times before recovering to score in the corner. Pearce failed with the kick. Wests 6, University 3. University then took a hand, and McInerney sent to Ogg. He in-passed to Frew to Monaghan, who scored under the posts. McInerney added the extras. University 8, Western Suburbs 6. Half-time scores:—University 8. Western Suburbs 6.

Solid tackling took place on the resumption and play hovered around midfield. McInerney attempted a penalty from near half-way, but the ball fell short. Cornwell then missed with a penalty for Wests. Frew, Dempsey and Monaghan made a dash, but a penalty sent them back Rubie broke through and gained a lot of ground but his pass was forward. Wests were getting most of the ball from the scrums, but could not make headway against the tackling of the students. Ryan just failed with a penalty kick. Pearce broke through, and kicking over McCrae's head, regained the ball and sent to Morris, who missed the pass within five yards of the line and unopposed. Full-time scores: Western Suburbs 17, University 11. **(The Sun 25th July 1931)**

University lived up to the splendid form they have shown in their last few games. In the game against Western Suburbs at Pratten Park on Saturday they did not complete the hat-trick, but they went so close to it as to have their opponents fighting every minute of the game to avert defeat. Wests are a nasty snag to strike, and are looked upon as likely to trouble the leaders, Eastern Suburbs, and for University, the wooden-spooners, to hold them to 17-11, was an achievement. The Students had a halftime lead of 8 to 6, and only for striking Alan Ridley at the top of his form — he scored two tries in quick succession — they might have turned the tables. Having the half-time lead, University unwisely, decided to concentrate on defence. In the second half, but the old axiom of attack being the best form of defence was lost sight of by them. Wests had plenty of the ball in the second half, and eventually wore down their lighter opponents. Cameron, five-eighth for Wests, showed consistent form, and is sure to retain his place. Owen did a huge amount of work trying to get his supports going in the first half. His passes were good, but mistakes further out in the back line nullified his good work. Ogg (capt), R. Lynch, and S. Mannix showed best form for Varsity. **(Referee 29th July 1931)**

Notes: Laurie "Lord" Roberts of Second Grade came up to replace the injured Brogan while Bill Ryan filled in for McMillan. Harry Owen went back to his correct position at half and set the backs alight for the majority of the match. This was a game that Wests only won in the last ten minutes when their power and speed finally got them on top and Ridley scored two quick tries.