



1931 Round 4 Saturday 16th May Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 24

def.

University 17

Frank McMILLAN (c)
 Cecil ANDERTON
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Harold RIGBY
 Ray MORRIS
 Jack ROSA
 Harry OWEN
 Frank MATTERSON
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Bill CARPENTER
 Bill BROGAN
 Bob LINDFIELD
 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 MCINERNEY
 J McNEIL
 Cec RUBIE
 Jim SMYTHE
 Francis LIONS
 Dick LYNCH
 Jack THOM
 John MADDEN

Tries

Ray MORRIS (2)
 Cecil ANDERTON
 Frank MATTERSON
 Harry OWEN
 Jack ROSA

Tom McINERNEY
 J McNEIL
 Ernest OGG

Goals

Frank McMILLAN (2)
 Harry OWEN (1)

Tom McINERNEY (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F. McMillan; three-quarters, H. Rigby, C. Anderton, K. Sherwood, R. Morris; halves, H. Owen, J. Rosa; forwards, F. Matterson, W. Carpenter, C. Cornwell, C. Rhodes, W. Brogan, R. Lindfield.

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

An unexpectedly exciting reserve grade game put the crowd of several thousands in a good humour for the big match. Pearce was an absentee from Wests' team, his place being taken by Rigby, while Smythe replaced Quinlan in Uni's pack. Ward, the 'Varsity half, who received a rough handling last week, gave way to McInerney, lone scorer this season for the reserve team. Ogg won the toss and played with the advantage of a light breeze. The premiers were getting the ball from the scrum, and Anderton, who was playing centre, went through nicely. "Feet up" against Wests allowed McRae to gain 30 yards with a kick, and a few seconds later McInerney opened the scoring with a good penalty from well out. University 2, Wests nil.The crowd loudly voiced their disapproval of the referee's action in giving McInerney another chance at goal, but his kick again went wide. Play was very scraggy and from a penalty McInerney made the score University 4, Wests nil. Thom and Sherwood indulged in fisticuffs, both being warned, and McMillan, who was not at his best, out-kicked McCrae. ... Penalties then came West's way, and after Anderton had failed with a long kick. McMillan raised the flags from a handy position. Uni. 4, Wests 2. Wests were finding their feet, and a beautiful back-line rush ended with a try. Owen got the ball at half-way, Rosa, Anderton and Sherwood handling before Morris went across in the corner. McMillan's kick failed, and Wests led 5 to 4. ... A few seconds later Dempsey gathered brilliantly and sent McNeill across near the posts. McInerney added the extras. University 9, Wests 5. Half-time scores:—University, 9. Western Suburbs. 5.

... McMillan failed to pick up the ball when Thom toed through, and Ogg gathered and ran across unopposed. McInerney landed a good goal. Uni. 14, Wests 5. Wests were fighting hard, and Sherwood brought the crowd to its feet with a fine run. Morris was nearly over, but lost the ball. Rosa was there, however, gathered, and dived over. Cornwell's kick was wide. Uni. 14, Wests 8. Full-time scores: Western Suburbs 24, University 17. **(The Sun 16th May 1931)**

Played at Pratten Park, Western Suburbs winning by 24 points to 17. Although the match was looked upon as an easy task for Western Suburbs, it was only after a hard tussle that they managed to defeat the weaker and weakened University combination. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 18th May 1931)**

Wests were without Pearce, Ridley and Brady, and the crowding tactics of the University forwards gave the opposition backs little chance to get moving. It was not until Madden retired that Wests made any headway at all. **(Referee 20th May 1931)**

Notes: Cecil Anderton and Harold Rigby came up from Second Grade for this match with Pearce, Ridley and Brady out. It was already becoming a feature that Wests were finding it hard to field a stable team because of injuries, unlike the previous season where their winning streaks were obtained with the same team week in-week out. University as a result gave Wests a much harder time than would have been expected with Wests only able to get on top in the closing stages.