1932 Round 4 Saturday 21st May Pratten Park

Western Suburbs 35

def.

University 13



Frank McMILLAN
Alan BRADY
Ken SHERWOOD
Cliff PEARCE
Ray MORRIS
Jack McGLINN
Les MEAD
Bert GREEN
Charlie CORNWELL
Frank SPILLANE
Bill BROGAN (c)
Bob LINDFIELD
Cecil RHODES

Charlie CORNWELL (2)

Alan BRADY

Les MEAD Cecil RHODES Ken SHERWOOD Frank SPILLANE Fullback
Wing
Centre
Centre
Wing
Five-eighth
Half
Lock
Second Row
Second Row
Front Row
Hooker
Front Row

L McRAE
Aldo FERRARI
Ernest OGG (c)
Gordon FAVELLE
Sid MANNIX
Tom MONAGHAN
Tom MCINERNEY
Jack DAVIES
Jim SMYTHE
Cec RUBIE
Dick LYNCH
Jack FAY
Francis LIONS

Gordon FAVELLE (2)
Tom MONAGHAN

Les MEAD (5)

Cliff PEARCE (2)

Jack DAVIES (1)

Gordon FAVELLE (1)

Match Description

Tries

Goals

Western Suburbs: Full-back: F McMillan; three-quarters: A Brady, C Pearce, K Sherwood, R Morris; halves: L Mead, J McGlinn; forwards: B Green, F Spillane, C Cornwell, C Rhodes, R Lindfield, W Brogan (capt)

University: Full-back: L McRae; three-quarters: S Mannix, E S Ogg (capt), J Flavelle, A Ferrari; halves: T Monaghan, T McInerney; forwards: J Smythe, H Lynch, J Davies, C Rubie, J Fay, F Lions Referee: W Neill (Rugby League News June 11th 1932)

Before the game began both teams lined up and gave three cheers to the visiting Englishmen, who were accompanied by their manager, Mr. G. Hutchens. Brogan won the toss for Wests, and University had the advantage of a slight breeze. The moment the ball was kicked off it began to rain. Wests had the advantage in the first five minutes. From a scrum near University's 25 the ball came to Mead, who smartly passed to McGlinn. The latter cross-kicked to the corner, where play hovered for a few minutes. From a ruck McGlinn sent the ball to Sherwood to Pearce, The latter went ahead at great speed, beating the opposition, but Brady badly mulled an easy pass. Pearce then kicked a penalty goal. Wests 2, University nil. From a penalty near the 25, Pearce kicked Wests' second penalty goal. Wests 4, University nil. ... Wests then scored their first try, which was the result of brilliant play by Mead. Brogan, from the ruck, passed to Lindfield, on to Mead, who made the real opening by passing to Sherwood, who went over. Pearce failed to convert. Western Suburbs 7, University nil. Mead made a brilliant opening, this time completely hoodwinking the opposition by "working" the blind side. The ball came from a scrum near the line at half-way. Mead shot straight ahead, passed to Brady ,with Cornwell supporting him on the open side of the field. Cornwell scored. Pearce failed to convert. Western Suburbs 10,University nil. Shortly after, amends were made by another fine burst. Mead passed to McGlinn to Pearce who ran Brady Into position, to score. Mead converted. Western Suburbs 15, University nil. University was given a penalty near Wests' 25. McInerney cross-kicked. Pearce endeavoured to clear, but his kick was knocked down on the line, and Flavelle scored. He converted with a fine kick. Half-time scores:—Western Suburbs 15.University 5.

..... Western Suburbs were infinitely the better team, although 'Varsity's forwards were little Inferior. It was among the backs they suffered. In this respect Wests were a host unto themselves. Mead, McGlinn and Pearce in particular combined brilliantly, and were largely responsible for the heavy scoring. On the other hand, the display of University's backs was lamentably weak. In the early part of the game, they received a good share of the ball, but It was of no use, for the backs simply stood firm-footed to the ground, and passed without moving an inch. Contrast this woeful play with that of the snappy, breezy straight running of Mead, Pearce, and McGlinn. The forwards, Cornwell, Spillane, Rhodes, Lindfield, and Brogan, all showed out well. ... (The Sun 22nd May 1932)

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Notes: Ken Sherwood was back from suspension for this match and Frank Spillane replaced Bill Ryan, who ironically had been picked for the State team but was now playing Reserves. Les Mead was at his brilliant best as Wests completely dominated a good University team. Bert Green was concussed for some time during the match after a head clash. Harry Cameron, Bill Carpenter, Jack Rosa, Clyde Cant all scored tries for the Seconds so some good players were in the lower grades.

