



1914 Round 5 Saturday 30th May Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 31

def.

Annandale 8

Harry CLARK
Ephraim MISON
Henry NAYLOR
Cecil FOORD
Henry McILLMURRAY
Ray STEWARD
George GAGAN
Westley EASTERBROOK
Martin ANDERSEN
Clarrie TYE
William JOASS
Fred LANE
Edward COURTNEY (c)

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

William LINDSAY (c)
Jim BRASSILL
Bede KENNA
S PARKER
Rex NORMAN
A WHEATLEY
T KNIGHT
A BROWN
James PYE
James WOODWARD
John PYE
Walter PALMER
A SMITH

Tries

Cecil FOORD (2)
George GAGAN (2)
Westley EASTERBROOK
Ray STEWARD
Henry McILLMURRAY

Bede KENNA
James WOODWARD

Goals

George GAGAN (4)
Henry McILLMURRAY (1)

Bede KENNA (1)

Match Description

Annandale: Full-back, Lindsay; three-quarters, Brassil, Kenna, Parker, Rex Norman; halves, Wheatley and Knight; forwards, John Pye, James Pye, Smith, Palmer, Woodward, Brown

Western Suburbs: Full-back, Clarke; three-quarters, Foord, Mison, Collier, McIllumurray; halves, Gagan and Steward; forwards, Courtney, Lane, Joass, Tye, Anderson, Easterbrook **Referee: Mr J T Black**

Western Suburbs won the toss and the kick-off went amongst the forwards, where it was kept for some time. The Annandale backs were moving nicely when Easterbrook intercepted, and made off and passed to McIllumurray who, showing fine pace, reached close to the line and passed to Steward, who was downed. A struggle followed on Annandale's line, and the ball crossing over, McIllumurray scored a nippy try. Gagan failed to convert. Western Suburbs 3 points to nil. Annandale infringed the rules and Gagan landed a penalty goal. Western Suburbs 5 to nil. Knight secured from a scrum, passed to Wheatley to Norman, who did most of the running, and then passed to Kenna, who scored, and taking the kick at goal, failed. Western Suburbs 5, Annandale 3. Quickly the ball travelled to the other end, where Naylor, Mason and Gagan executed a passing movement which ended in the last-mentioned scoring, but he failed at goal. Western Suburbs 8 points to 3. Following on with a fast rush, Lane picked up and almost reached the line. He passed to Easterbrook, who scored between the posts. Gagan converted. Western Suburbs 13 to 3. Steward and Gagan were the prime movers in a passing bout which took the ball down-field, and which ended in Foord scoring. Gagan added the extras. Half-time: Western Suburbs 18 points to 2.

After the interval the visitors at once attacked, but Naylor broke away and passed to Foord, who was downed. A hot struggle ensued, and Gagan taking the pass got across with a try, which he failed to convert. Western Suburbs 21 points to 3. Then Naylor, snapping up in the loose, gave to Steward, who scored near the posts. Gagan added the extras. Western Suburbs 26 points to 3. Parker, securing, raced off, and near the line was pulled down. Then Woodward snapped up in the ruck, and crossed over. Kenna converted. Western Suburbs 26; Annandale 8 points. Naylor, intercepting, raced off in great style. When opposed he gave to Foord, who scored between the posts. McIllumurray converted. Western Suburbs 31: Annandale 8. These were the final scores. **(The Sun 30th May 1914)**

Notes: Wests had been building up to this win, having performed very strongly against higher ranked teams. The team had become very settled with a solid core of strong performers. The combination of the halves, Steward and Gagan, were being singled out in the press for their performances. Westley Easterbrook was again a powerhouse in the forwards, staking claims for Representative honours.