1935 Round 7 Saturday 15th June Pratten Park



def.

University 10





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Vince SHEEHAN
Ron KNIGHT
Alan BRADY
Alan RIDLEY
Stan TANCRED
Les MEAD
Bob ALLISON
Max GRAY
Athol SMITH
Jack SPILLANE
George SHERRY
Vince CLEARY

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

Tom McINERNEY (c)
Michael MORAN
Anthony BLOMGREN
Leslie SENDER
Bill McCULLOCH
Trevor NEWCOMBE
Frank FREEMAN
Leo REDDY
Jim COMANS
Russell COOPER
James MARKS
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Goals Les MEAD (3) Tom McINERNEY (2) Ron KNIGHT (2)

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Tries

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Western Suburbs played without Hey who was resting an injured leg his place at five eighth being taken by Tancred. While Tancred played solidly he was slow In getting the ball away from the scrum enabling the University men who had evidently determined to crowd their opponents to smother the three quarters before they could get going These tactics together with the fact that Edwards was beating Sherry for the ball in the scrums assisted University to keep Western Suburbs in check for the greater part of the first half. Another feature in University's play was the vigorous tackling which prevented more than one try. Time after time Ridley and Sheehan looked like scoring when Moran or McCulloch sped to the rescue. On one occasion the ball had been handled by Mead, Tancred, Brady Knight and Sheehan in a fine burst from their own 25 yards. Sheehan was nearly over when Moran who had dashed across from the opposite wing grassed him. The heavy play however gradually took its toll of the lighter University team and Western Suburbs had a lead of eight points at the interval. University's score should have been larger but McInerney was in poor goal kicking form and missed several easy shots.

University fell away after the Interval and scored only five more points while Western Suburbs added 18. University was the first to score, McInerney within five minutes of the kick-off landing a good goal from a penalty which followed on a report by a touch Judge. University was winning the scrums and kept the game close. ... At length from a scrum Mead sent the ball to Knight and on to Ridley who flashed along the wind and though tackled by McInerney struggled over in the corner. Mead converted with a fine kick University came in a bright dash in which Freeman and Blomgren figured. When blocked Blomgren kicked through, and following on caught McMillan in possession behind the line, the full back being lucky to force. From a scrum Mead cut through and after dummying past Moran side stepped McInerney and scored in a good position, adding the goal. Western Suburbs' combination was now working smoothly and Brady ran in close to the posts after receiving from Knight. Mead missed an easy goal. University's next score came shortly before the interval when Freeman kicked through from a ruck. The ball swerved past McMillan and McCulloch fell on it for a try. Beckley missed an easy goal. Western Suburbs scored soon after the resumption when Brady dummied his way over from a scrum near the line but Mead again failed at goal. Western Suburbs dominated the remainder of the play. University's persistence was rewarded late in the game when Blomgren secured in the loose, passed to Freeman who sent Edwards over for a try which McInerney converted. McMillan at full back seemed lethargic in his movements and was more than once caught with the ball but he showed great judgment In his line-kicking. Mead was sparkling behind the scrum and Ridley and Knight were the best of the three-quarter line. (The Sydney Morning Herald 17th June 1935)

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