



1933 Round 8 Saturday 8th July Pratten Park



University 22

def.

Western Suburbs 7

Tom MONAGHAN
Phil PARSONAGE
Ernest OGG (c)
Rod O'LOAN
Jack GRAY-SPENCE
Ross MCKINNON
John ELLIOTT
Gordon FAVELLE
Dick LYNCH
Jim GREGAN
Jack SPILLANE
Greg SULLIVAN
Francis LIONS

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

Dick DAVIS
Les MIDSON
Harry CAMERON
Cec ANDERTON
Alan BRADY
Bill McCLEOD
Harry OWEN
Frank SPONBERG
Jack McCONNELL
Charlie CORNWELL
Bill BROGAN (c)
Bob LINDFIELD
Charlie WRENCH



Tries

Phil PARSONAGE (2)
Gordon FAVELLE (2)
Jack GRAY-SPENCE
Ernest OGG

Harry OWEN

Goals

John ELLIOTT (1)
Ross MCKINNON (1)

Harry OWEN (1)
Charlie CORNWELL (1)

Match Description

University: Full-back: T Monaghan; three-quarters: P Parsonage, R O'Loan, E S Ogg, J Gray-Spence; halves: R McKinnon, J Elliott; forwards: G Favell, J Lynch, J Gregan, F Lions, G Sullivan, J Spillane

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Davis; three-quarters: L Midson, H Cameron, C Anderton, A Brady; halves: W McLeod, H Owen; forwards: F Sponberg, C Cornwell, J McConnell, W Brogan (capt), R Lindfield, C Wrench **Referee: C McGrath (Rugby League News 22nd July 1933)**

Western Suburbs suffered another crushing defeat, the team offering little resistance to the speedy University backs, who at times monopolised the play, and revealed fine passing bursts which produced points. There was little teamwork shown by Western Suburbs, the half-backs producing no cohesion, despite the fact that the forwards won the majority of scrums. University took charge of the game when the second half began, and immediately set up a commanding lead. A brilliant try by Parsonage brought sustained applause from the crowd. Parsonage showed great pace in his dash from near half-way; but what thrilled the crowd was a delightful swerve at top speed, which easily beat the Western Suburbs full-back, Davis, and made the way open for a try between the posts. McKinnon again starred at five-eighth and made many openings. He snapped up a dropped pass in the first minutes of the game, to send Favell across. Western Suburbs' first score came when Owen kicked a penalty goal, and that player also got the home side's only try when he went through from a scrum near University's line. Cornwell converted, and then University came with a fine passing rush, in which McKinnon, O'Loan, and Gray-Spence handled, the winger flashing over the line for a try, which made the half-time scores seven points to six in favour of Western Suburbs.

On resuming, University raced to the attack, and in eight minutes had added three tries, Parsonage getting two and Ogg running determinedly for the third. The University total might have been greater had not many easy chances to goal been missed, and at this stage only one of the five tries had been converted, the students leading by 17points to seven. In the concluding stages Western Suburbs lost the services of full-back Davis, who sustained an Injury to his left ankle, and was carried from the field. Anderton shone in many individual dashes, and was the only Western Suburbs back who presented any danger to the opposition. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 10th July 1933)**

The meteoric rise to International fame of Les Mead should prove an excellent object lesson to young aspirants for similar honours. In 1928 when "Johnty" Parkin's English team was in Australia, Ted Mead was, and had been for many years, a NSW and Australian selector. When the visitors were playing on the SCG, Ted's son, the present Kangaroo, was, along with Bob McGraw) a son of Joe, the pioneer and first hon. Sec. of St George District Club) acting as ball boys. How well the youngsters absorbed the lessons learnt in those hard-fought tussles, is only too apparent today, for the lad has jumped into the spotlight in practically two seasons. Playing with Western Suburbs a few years ago (before going to coach in the country) the wily tricks and all-round cleverness of International Jim Craig were no less beneficial to the youth, and he carries the good wishes of all who admire one with the spirit and determination to win through to success. **(Rugby League News 24th June 1933)**

Notes: This match emphasised the problem Wests had with their missing Kangaroos. The forwards were able to hold their own, with Lindfield winning his usual share of the ball, but in the second half, the backs, with the exception of Cec Anderton, were smashed by the speedy University backs. Dick Davis was carried off with an apparently injured left ankle but it turned out to be a broken leg and he was out for the rest of the season. The spiel on Les Mead in Rugby League News only serves to emphasise his loss to the team's cohesion.