



# 1930 Grand Final Saturday 4th October Sports Ground



## Western Suburbs 27

def.

## St George 2

Frank McMILLAN  
 Alan BRADY  
 Ken SHERWOOD  
 Cliff PEARCE  
 Ray MORRIS  
 Jack ROSA  
 Jim CRAIG (c)  
 Frank MATTERSON  
 Bill CARPENTER  
 Charlie CORNWELL  
 Bill BROGAN  
 Bob LINDFIELD  
 Cecil RHODES

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

Jim McCORMACK  
 Eric FREESTONE  
 Jack LENNOX  
 George WARD  
 Bernie MARTIN  
 Arnold TRAYNOR  
 Alf SADLER  
 Jim FLOWER  
 Walter GREENLANDS  
 Charlie HYLAND  
 Reg SCHUMAN  
 Arthur JUSTICE (c)  
 Percy FAIRALL

### Tries

Alan BRADY (3)  
 Charlie CORNWELL  
 Jim CRAIG  
 Ray MORRIS  
 Cecil RHODES

### Goals

Jim CRAIG (2)  
 Bill BROGAN (1)

Charlie HYLAND (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: F McMillan; three-quarters; A Brady, C Pearce, K Sherwood, R Morris; halves, J Rosa, J Craig (c); forwards; F Matterson, C Cornwell, W Carpenter, C Rhodes, R Lindfield, W Brogan

**St George:** Full-back, J McCormack; three-quarters, E Freestone, J Lennox, G Ward, B Martin; halves, A Traynor, A Sadler; forwards, J Flower, W Greenlands, C Hyland, A Justice (c), R Schuman, P Fairall **Referee: Lal Deane**

The challenge final of the Rugby League attracted an attendance of 10,000 to the Sports Ground this afternoon. The weather was humid and quite opposed to the playing of Rugby football. There was hardly any wind blowing and St. George had first use of it. The game was hard from the word "go" round the half-way mark..... Western Suburbs were penalised almost in front of the goal, and just beyond the 25. Hyland landed the goal, and St. George led by 2 to nil. ... McMillan gathered the ball and sent it to Brogan, on to Brady, who sped along the wing and kicked. Five Western Suburbs men raced for the ball and, in their eagerness, crashed into each other. Craig darted in, gathered the ball, and scored between the posts. It was brilliant work. Lindfield was staggered, but soon recovered. Craig kicked the goal, and Western Suburbs led by 5 to 2. .... Western Suburbs were irresistible. .... It was "all in," all right, and several times the touch judges reported incidents. Sadler, of St. George, was cautioned. .... Punches were given and taken, and then Brady dashed away and kicked. He was knocked over, and St. George was penalised. ... Then the ball came from the ruck, to Pearce, who swung a long pass to Brady, and the winger raced over with a try, which Craig failed to convert, giving Wests a lead of 8 to 2. ....Half-time scores: Western Suburbs 8 St. George 2.

The wind was stronger when the second half began, and Western Suburbs had the advantage of it. ... St. George were hard put to it to keep the invaders out. .... Then Western Suburbs scored. Morris came in, beat three men and passed to Pearce, who, in turn, sent the ball to Brady. Brady easily eluded a weak tackle by McCormack and, going on, scored his second try. McMillan missed the goal, and Western Suburbs led by 11 to 2... A lot of the pace had gone out of the game now. The weather was acting on the players. .... Matterson got the ball, passed to Cornwell, who went ahead and battled his way over the corner for a try. Craig landed a great goal, and Western Suburbs led by 16 to 2. At this stage Flower left the field with an injured arm leaving St. George with 12 men. Western Suburbs scored again following a movement by Craig. Matterson, Rosa, who went through finely, Pearce and Morris, who cut in and got the try between the posts. There was a roar of laughter as Brogan was given the kick, and a mighty cheer as he landed the goal, giving Western Suburbs the lead of 21 to 2. Right from their own line Western Suburbs dribbled the ball. First Rhodes, then Pearce, Lindfield and finally Brady, who kicked the ball over the line cleverly, gathered it and scored. Lindfield missed the goal, and Western Suburbs led by 24 to 2. .... After a while a great try came to Rhodes just as the full-time bell rang. Rosa made the opening, passed to Matterson, inside to Brogan, to Carpenter, on to Rhodes, who scored. Craig missed the goal, and Western Suburbs had won by 27 to 2. Western Suburbs players carried Craig, their captain, shoulder-high from the field. It was the first premiership Western Suburbs had won in the League. Full-time scores: Western Suburbs 27, St George 2. **(The Sun 4th October 1930)**

**Notes:** Finally, a premiership and well deserved at that! Wests had their full team for this match with Frank Matterson, Bob Lindfield and Ray Morris back on deck. It was a very rough and tough match with St George continuing to play the man and being heavily cautioned. The very humid conditions took their toll late in the match but Wests were not to be denied. They had been the best team all year and proved it with a seven try to nil whitewash. Cliff Pearce and Frank McMillan were the standouts for Wests but Jim Craig deserved all the accolades. It was his leadership that had shaped the team and brought the trophy to Wests for the first time.