# 1930 Round 12 Saturday 30th August Sports Ground

## Western Suburbs 16     def.     South Sydney 5

| Western Suburbs | Position | South Sydney |
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| Frank McMILLAN | *Fullback* | Alan RIGHTON |
| Alan BRADY | *Wing* | Benny WEARING |
| Ken SHERWOOD | *Centre* | Billy LLOYD |
| Cliff PEARCE | *Centre* | Jack WHY |
| Harold RIGBY | *Wing* | Mick MANNING |
| Jack ROSA | *Five-eighth* | Harry KADWELL |
| Jim CRAIG (c) | *Half* | Alf BLAIR (c) |
| Frank MATTERSON | *Lock* | Pat MAHER |
| Bill CARPENTER | *Second Row* | Frank O'CONNOR |
| Frank SPILLANE | *Second Row* | George TREWEEK |
| Bill BROGAN | *Front Row* | Charlie LLOYD |
| Bob LINDFIELD | *Hooker* | Alf BINDER |
| Cecil RHODES | *Front Row* | Dave WATSON |

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| *Tries* | Jim CRAIG | Benny WEARING |
| | Cliff PEARCE | |
| *Goals* | Jim CRAIG (5) | Alf BLAIR (1) |

**Match Description**

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, McMillan; three-quarters, Brady, Sherwood, Pearce, Rigby: halves, Rosa. Craig; forwards, Matterson, Spillane, Carpenter, Brogan, Lindfield, Rhodes.

**South Sydney:** Full-back, Righton; three-quarters, Wearing, Maher, Manning, Why, W. Lloyd; halves, Kadwell, Blair; forwards, C. Lloyd. Binder, Watson, O'Connor, Treweek  **Referee: W. Neill.**

Joint leaders in the premiership, South Sydney and Western Suburbs attracted a crowd of about 10,000. A fairly strong breeze was blowing, and though Craig won the toss, he elected to play against the wind, and with the sun in the eyes of Western Suburbs. His decision was hard to understand. ……. Play was now brilliantly fast and open. Blair had an unsuccessful attempt from a penalty. McMillan, gathering a kick from Blair, badly beat two opponents, and sent to Pearce, to Sherwood, to Matterson, to Brady, who only had the full-back to beat, but Instead of running on, looked around for someone to pass to, and was caught in possession. …. The wind had now changed round completely, and Western Suburbs had the advantage and pressed hard. ……. In a melee, Watson was cautioned, and Craig had another unsuccessful attempt at goal. Brogan held up the game for a time, whilst he received ambulance attention. …….. Play was hard and fast now, and at last Wests' efforts were rewarded. From a scrum 10 yards from Souths' line, Craig secured, and sent to Rosa, to Pearce. Manning made a pitiable attempt at a tackle, and Pearce went straight through, but was so surprised that he hesitated for a moment before scoring under the posts, without opposition. Craig goaled, and Western Suburbs led by 5 to nil. ……… A moment later Why came through fast and passed to Wearing, who was brought down by McMillan. Up again. Wearing played the ball, secured, short-kicked over McMillan's head, and gathering finely scored a grand try near the posts. Blair converted, and the scores were level 5 all. …… Half-time scores: South Sydney 5. Western Suburbs, 5.

On resuming there was a kicking duel between Righton and Craig, and then Craig ran up-field and cross-kicked. However, he was illegally tackled by Lloyd, and Souths were penalised right in front of the posts. Craig kicked the easiest of goals. Western Suburbs 7, South Sydney 5. … Play was now extremely hard and twice the referee cautioned players from each side. ….. Two cases of punching were passed over with a caution. … Then Maher got his side into trouble. He bumped into Craig after the latter had kicked the ball, and Wests were given a penalty near the posts. Craig made no mistake. Western Suburbs 9, South Sydney 5. …. Then Souths were again penalised, and Craig kicked his fourth goal. Western Suburbs 11, South Sydney 5. Souths Illegal work had thus been responsible for six points. The game had only been in progress a minute when a linesman rushed in and spoke to the referee, who ordered Watson off the field. Wests attacked hard again, and from a penalty wide out Craig kicked a magnificent goal. Western Suburbs 13, South Sydney 5. Play still continued to be hard, and when a scrum was being formed a linesman came in from the blind side, and the result was that Brogan got his marching orders. … Then Wests scored again when Craig secured from a scrum near Souths' line and went through the pack. He was held up by several Souths men, but Matterson and Carpenter used their weight and forced Craig over the line. The same player missed the goal. Western Suburbs 16, South Sydney 5. …… .. **(The Sun 30th August 1930)**

A.L. Blair, South's captain, attributed the defeat to lack of possession in the second half. Only once did the ball in the whole of that 10 minutes of hectic play, come cleanly to the South Sydney side of the ruck. The result was that South Sydney backs never got a chance to function in attack. **(Referee 3rd September 1930)**

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*Notes: This was one of the real rough-house games of the season with Dave Watson and Bill Brogan being sent off and receiving two weeks and three weeks suspension respectively. With lots of possession in the second half they overran Souths. Harold Rigby reappeared, replacing Ray Morris, and Frank Matterson also returned from injury. This win put Wests back on track for the Premiership.*