



# 1931 Round 2 Saturday 2nd May Pratten Park



## North Sydney 19

def.

## Western Suburbs 16

Les CARROLL  
 T BEAUMONT  
 Ken WOOD  
 Tom WRIGHT (c)  
 Grantley BENNETT  
 J CLAYTON  
 William HANLEY  
 Jack COURTNEY  
 Harold JONES  
 William HUMPHRIES  
 C McQUARRIE  
 Joe BAIRD  
 Harold CROWLEY

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

Frank McMILLAN (c)  
 Alan RIDLEY  
 Vince HUGHES  
 Cliff PEARCE  
 Ray MORRIS  
 Jack ROSA  
 Harry OWEN  
 Frank MATTERSON  
 Bill CARPENTER  
 Charlie CORNWELL  
 Bill BROGAN  
 Bob LINDFIELD  
 Cecil RHODES



### Tries

T BEAUMONT  
 Grantley BENNETT  
 Ken WOOD

Bill BROGAN  
 Frank MATTERSON  
 Ray MORRIS  
 Cliff PEARCE

### Goals

Les CARROLL (4)  
 Tom WRIGHT (1)

Harry OWEN (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, F. McMillan; three-quarters, A. Ridley, C. Pearce, V. Hughes, R. Morris; halves, J. Rose. H. Owen; forwards, F. Matterson, W. Carpenter. C. Cornwall, C. Rhodes. W. Brogan, R. Lindfield.

**North Sydney:** Full-back, L. Carroll; three-quarters, T. Beaumont, K. Wood, T. Wright, G. Bennett; halves, J. Clayton, W. Hanley; forwards, J. Courtney, H. Jones, W. Humphries. C. McQuarrie. H. Crowley, J. Baird. **Referee W. Neill (The Sun 2nd May 1931)**

North Sydney deserved their success. Throughout they persistently crowded their opponents movements, quickly took advantage of every opening and strongly maintained their defence while the ball was in play Those tactics disconcerted their opponents and generally broke up early their passing movement. North Sydney opened well and quickly carried play Into their opponents' territory where Carroll kicked a good penalty goal from the sideline. Continuing to keep their opponents on the defensive they made several unsuccessful efforts to break through. Then Hanley secured and sent to Clayton to Wright who after beating a few opponents passed to Wood who raced over the line under the cross bar. Western Suburbs immediately attacked and throwing the ball around nicely brought play well Into North Sydney's quarter when Pearce finished off a good movement by scoring. Shortly afterwards North Sydney responded with another try, Beaumont starring. They had the better of exchanges for the remainder of the half the half-time scores being 12-6 in their favour.

The second half provided many exciting incidents. It was apparent that Western Suburbs wanted quickly to overtake their opponents' total and strongly attacked from the whistle. However, North Sydney defended splendidly and putting every opening to good advantage frequently placed Western Suburbs on the defensive Play shifted from one end of the field to the other with surprising quickness and often when one side appeared likely to score a mistake would see play brought well into their own quarter. Excitement was at fever heat when, with the scores at 14-11, the Western Suburbs half back Rosa got over the line but in trying to get behind the posts was tackled and lost possession of the ball. Western Suburbs continued to maintain their attacks but when it appeared evident to the large crowd that North Sydney could not be expected to do more than prevent their opponents from scoring the North Shore players came with a great rush which was splendidly finished off by Bennett racing over the line in the corner and placing down under the crossbar. ... **(The Sydney Morning Herald 4th May 1931)**

The most disappointed man after the match last Saturday was Jack Rosa, who after being safely across the line with his team behind in the scores at 14-11, tried to improve his position, with the result that the ball was knocked out of his possession, and what might have been a winning advantage lost..... **(Rugby League News May 9th 1931)**

Wests may be classed as a trifle unlucky without detracting from the merit of Norths' win. Rosa, the five-eighth, crossed the line in the final stages, but lost possession of the ball. Hughes, who replaced Sherwood in the centres, was patchy and spoilt many movements. **(Referee 6th May 1931)**

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**Notes:** Frank Matterson was back from injury and replaced Bert Green. Captain of Second Grade, Vince Hughes, also came in, replacing Sherwood. All reports praised the performance of Harry Owen, with high expectations of Representative honours to follow. Wests were expected to win this game so the loss was a big surprise, although Wests certainly looked to be unlucky, with Jack Rosa crossing for a try but having the ball knocked out as he tried to improve his position.