



1930 Round 3 Saturday 10th May Sydney Sports Ground



Western Suburbs 24

def.

Eastern Suburbs 12

Frank McMILLAN
 Alan BRADY
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Cliff PEARCE
 Ray MORRIS
 Norm JOHNSON
 Jim CRAIG (c)
 Frank MATTERSON
 Bill CARPENTER
 Bill BROGAN
 Frank SPILLANE
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Cecil RHODES

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

Billy HONG
 Hugh BYRNE
 Gordon FLETCHER
 Jack LYNCH
 Morrie BOYLE
 Norm POPE
 Joe BUSCH (c)
 Jack COOTE
 Joe JOSEPH
 Jack HICKEY
 Joe PEARCE
 Tom FITZPATRICK
 Les ROGERS

Tries

Ray MORRIS (4)
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Norm JOHNSON

Gordon FLETCHER (2)
 Morrie BOYLE
 Hugh BYRNE

Goals

Jim CRAIG (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: F McMillan; three-quarters, J Morris, K Sherwood, C Pearce, A Brady; half-backs, N Johnson, J Craig (capt); forwards, F Matterson, F Spillane, W Carpenter, C Rhodes, R Lindfield, W Brogan

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back, W Hong; three-quarters, H Byrne, J Lynch, G Fletcher, M Boyle; half-backs, N Pope, J Busch (capt); forwards, J Hickey, J Joseph, J Coote, J Pearce, T Fitzpatrick, L Rodgers **Referee: L Deane**

.... Nevertheless, there were about 12,000 enthusiasts present when play started. Keen satisfaction was expressed when it was definitely known that Kangaroo stars, Frank McMillan and "Chimpy" Busch, would appear with their respective clubs. A supporter of Western Suburbs had guaranteed that McMillan's bonus for the season will reach £75, and the brilliant full-back was reinstated, Craig moving to half-back, and Mead, who was reported to have a sore heel, being omitted. ... One rush was stopped, but Brogan broke through, and this burst led to a score. The ball was handled by Pearce, Brady and Sherwood. The last-named held a high pass from Brady and amid excitement, crossed for the first score, running around behind the posts. Craig added the goal. Wests 5, Easts nil.Then Busch cut through beautifully from the scrum, and Fletcher burst through to score a fine try. Hickey could not land the goal. Wests 5, Easts 3. Another try followed quickly, Morris being the hero. Johnson passed him the ball, and the winger went hard for the right corner, pushing Boyle aside, and diving across with another defender hanging on to him. Craig missed with a long kick. Wests 8, Easts 3. When Hickey missed with a shot at goal, the ball was kicked out to Pope, and the Easts five-eighth ran well, and Hickey and Lynch carried on the good work. He in-passed to Fletcher, who went through nicely for his second try. Again, Hickey failed with the kick from a difficult angle. Wests 8, Easts 6. Further penalties were awarded Easts, Rhodes being twice cautioned for rough work. Wests were not to be denied. The backs handled well, F Matterson gave the last pass to Morris, who again crashed his way over in the corner. From the touch line Craig put his side further ahead with a magnificent goal. Wests 13, Easts 6. Pope looked like scoring, but dropped the ball, and Boyle then snapped it up and crossed, although tackled by two men. Lynch was given the kick, but could not land the goal. Wests 13, Easts 9. The play had deteriorated, with more mistakes in handling. Busch and Lynch rallied Easts, but they could not finish the movement. Wests scored again after a long spell. The rush followed a loose pass by Pope. Brogan was prominent in a sustained burst, and Morris went over for his third try. Craig missed the goal. Wests 16, Easts 9. Morris was the hero again when he finished off a dash by the backs with his fourth try. Craig goaled from in front of the posts. Wests 21, Easts 9. At last Byrne got a run through, and he raced hard for an excellent try. Hickey's kick was wide. Wests 21, Easts 12. Johnson responded with a neat try for Wests after Pearce and Sherwood had handled. Craig missed the goal. Western Suburbs 24, Eastern Suburbs 12. The final whistle followed. The attendance was given officially as 9132 and the takings £493. (**Evening News 10th May 1930**)

If ever there is a lucky coot it is "Dusty" Rhodes of Wests. Only the mere three cautions and another that he should have got – and still he bore a charmed life. Perhaps he's got Lon Chaney beaten to a frazzle, and disguised himself so that Lal Deane though he'd caught a new man every time. (**Sydney Sportsman 13th May 1930**)

Notes: Les Mead was out injured with a sore heel so Jim Craig went to half-back and Ken Sherwood came into the centres, where he starred. Craig also kicked an incredible goal from the sideline with a very wet, greasy ball. Before play started, a Wests supporter guaranteed a £75 bonus for Frank McMillan. There had apparently been a doubt about him playing on unless the guarantee came. Both teams were undefeated before the round and it was a tough, exciting game, where Cecil Rhodes was cautioned three times and lucky to stay on the field. Wests were establishing themselves as the team to beat in the season.