



1932 Round 3 Saturday 25th April North Sydney Oval



Western Suburbs 25

def.

North Sydney 10

Frank McMILLAN
 Alan RIDLEY
 Ray MORRIS
 Cliff PEARCE
 Alan BRADY
 Jack McGLINN
 Les MEAD
 Bert GREEN
 Bill RYAN
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Bill BROGAN (c)
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Cecil RHODES

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

Les CARROLL (c)
 Grantley BENNETT
 J McNEILL
 Bill LECKIE
 V BEAUMONT
 Jimmy DUNCAN
 William HANLEY
 Edward SHEPHERD
 J CAMPBELL
 Noel WALPOLE
 B CLIFFORD
 C McQUARRIE
 William HUMPHRIES

Tries

Cliff PEARCE (3)
 Alan RIDLEY (2)
 Alan BRADY
 Bert GREEN

Grantley BENNETT
 J McNEILL

Goals

Frank McMILLAN (1)
 Bill RYAN (1)

Les CARROLL (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: F McMillan; three-quarters: A Brady, C Pearce, R Morris, A Ridley; halves: L Mead, J McGlinn; forwards: B Green, W Ryan, C Cornwell, C Rhodes, R Lindfield, W Brogan (capt)

North Sydney: Full-back: L Carroll; three-quarters: W Leckie, J McNeill, V Beaumont, G Bennett; halves: H Bartley, J Duncan; forwards: L Shepherd, J Campbell, J Costa, N Walpole, B Clifford, W Humphries **Referee: W Neill (Rugby League News 21st May 1932)**

About 6000 saw the teams file on to the ground, which was in a good condition except for a muddy patch in the centre. Norths were without the services of K Wood, who injured his ribs on Saturday. J McNeil took his place. Norths were pressing strongly, and for a scrum infringement, Wests were penalised. Carroll took the ball about 30 yards from Wests' line and, with a great kick, landed the goal. North Sydney 2, Wests nil. ...Norths looked dangerous until Brogan, picking the ball up from a scramble, threw in to Pearce, to Cornwell, who was grassed near half-way. ...Pearce broke through magnificently, and a try looked certain, but Morris knocked on with a clear field ahead. Wests kept up the pressure, and with a great rush, in which Pearce, Ridley, Morris, and Brogan handled, almost succeeded. Lindfield was held up on the line, and a free helped Norths out of trouble. Carroll hurt his leg, and had to leave the field for a few minutes. Wests were not showing good judgement when passing the ball. Mead ran through, got the ball, and threw to Morris, who was off-side. Wests, however, would not be denied, and the ball travelled along the back to Morris, who broke through finely. Timing his pass cleverly, he sent it to Pearce, who raced across and scored under the posts. Mead's kick hit the cross-bar. Wests 3, Norths 2. Duncan was doing some nice things behind the pack, while Brogan's bald head was prominent in all the hard work. Carroll missed with a penalty kick from 40 yards out. Then came a nice Western Suburbs' try. Brogan, picking up the ball in the mud, passed to McGlinn, who beat a couple of men and sent the ball to Morris, who transferred to Ridley. The big winger did the rest, but Pearce missed the goal. Wests 6, Norths 2. It was not long before Wests were in again. Mead swung around the blind side, and, beating Leckie, passed to Brady, who cut in-field and ran across. Pearce again missed the goal. Wests 9, Norths 2. Norths could not cope with the fierce attacks of the Western Suburbs' backs, who were passing the ball about in great style. A free brought Norths temporary relief. Norths had a turn at attack when Bartley broke through and passed to McNeil, whose transfer went astray. Half-time scores – Western Suburbs 9, North Sydney 2.

When the game was resumed, Wests went straight into the attack, and McGlinn broke away, but had no support. ... Then came a great Western Suburb's' try. Pearce grabbed the ball from a ruck, ran strongly, and then passed to McGlinn. Quick as a flash it was transferred to Brady, who was tackled on the line, but managed to throw it to Pearce, who fell over. McMillan had a shot at goal, but missed. Wests 12, North 2. Full time scores – Western Suburbs 25, North Sydney 10 (**The Sun 25th April 1932**)

Notes: This match was played on Anzac Day which meant the players had only a two day back-up; very different from modern times! Even though there was a muddy patch in the middle of the field it was quite an exciting game with the Wests' backline giving a dazzling display, while Brogan was again the dominant forward on the field. The goal-kicking was again a problem with the first three tries being unconverted and Mead missing one from directly in front. The mystery of Ken Sherwood not playing so far in the season was solved when it was revealed he had been suspended in the trial games. Bill Ryan capped a meteoric rise, being selected in the State team along with Alan Ridley, both very unexpected selections.