



1930 Round 5 Saturday 21st June RAS Showground



Western Suburbs 12

def.

South Sydney 5

Frank McMILLAN
 Alan BRADY
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Cliff PEARCE
 Ray MORRIS
 Norm JOHNSON
 Jim CRAIG (c)
 Frank MATTERSON
 Charlie CORNWELL
 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

Alan RIGHTON
 Benny WEARING
 Harry EYERS
 Jack WHY
 Oscar QUINLIVAN
 Harry KADWELL
 Alf BLAIR (c)
 Reg WILLIAMS
 Frank O'CONNOR
 George TREWEEK
 Charlie LLOYD
 Alf BINDER
 Dave WATSON

Tries

Charlie CORNWELL
 Ken SHERWOOD

George TREWEEK

Goals

Jim CRAIG (2)
 Charlie CORNWELL (1)

Alf BLAIR (1)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back, A Righton; three-quarters, B Wearing, J Why, F Eyers, O Quinlivan, R Williams; halves, A Blair, H Kadwell; forwards, C Lloyd, J Binder, D Watson, G Treweek, J O'Connor

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

The unfavourable conditions made a great difference to the "Gate" and the attendance fell much short of the 37,000 who saw the teams play their first round match last season. When play in the big game began the crowd was estimated at 20,000. The ground was soft with several muddy patches. Blair won the toss from Craig, and kicked from the Randwick end, with the wind behind him, and the sun in his eyes. Wests roused the crowd with an early dash, Brogan, Cornwell, and Brady being in it, and then Blair and Wearing got through, but McMillan picked the ball from the feet of Wearing, and made a magnificent save. Soon another penalty came to Wests, and the kick was given to Cornwell, who landed a fine goal. Wests 2, Souths nil. McMillan sparkled, but when Blair was not allowed to play the ball Wests were again penalised. At last Souths got going again, the forwards joining in, but Pearce tackled Williams. The play was hard, but many penalties slowed it down. Wests gained the biggest share of the ball, and Craig had his men moving. Wests packed six men to five in the scrums. Matterson, breaking quickly, made the extra man in the backs. Wests were given a chance to goal from a good position, and after Sherwood had received ambulance attention, Craig took the kick. He was wide of the posts. A great thrill came when O'Connor broke through at half-way, passing into Kadwell. The half-back had no one in front of him, but Matterson raced hard, and brought him down with a magnificent tackle. Souths were attacking when half-time came with Wests ahead by 2 to nil.

When Quinlivan kicked off, McMillan near his line, kicked out on the full, but Wests got out of trouble, and soon after McMillan had his men attacking. Then, amid tremendous enthusiasm, South Sydney scored one of the greatest tries seen for years. From a scrum in their own twenty-five, Kadwell passed on to O'Connor, who ran well before sending the ball on to Wearing. The winger got to Wests' twenty-five, where Pearce tackled him in great style, but Wearing managed to get the ball on to Treweek. Amid cheering, the big forward crossed the line, and ran around behind the posts. South Sydney 5, Wests 2. ...Craig and his men tried all they knew, and they had a great chance when McMillan kicked through. Why saved, but Pearce picked up in the ruck and sent Cornwell over between the posts for a try. The scores were level, and Craig added the goal. Wests 7, Souths 5. Williams and Rhodes were both hurt. Williams, who was in great pain, was carried off, and Souths played on a man short, Quinlivan dropping out to the left wing. A penalty was awarded Wests, and Craig kicked a fine goal. Wests 9, Souths 5. Playing great football to the finish, Wests scored again, Sherwood crossing. Craig missed the goal. Wests 12, Souths 5. The final whistle followed. (**Evening News 21st June 1930**)

Notes: This match was played after a month break for the annual visit by Country teams, where Wests had played Newcastle. It was a spectacular game with Souths scoring one of the best tries in seasons. Ken Sherwood played on injured but Reg Williams, from Souths, was badly injured and Souths had to play with twelve men. McMillan was back to his brilliant best and he and Craig were responsible for this important victory – five in a row!