



1930 Round 6 Saturday 28th June Sydney Sports Ground



Western Suburbs 16

def.

Newtown 0

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

Tom ELLIS
 Fred HOCKEY
 L McQUILLAN
 Fred LIND
 Jack KESSEY
 Jack HOLMES (c)
 Hans MORK
 Tom LEAMEY
 Eddie ROOT
 Jack DAVIES
 Jack THORNTON
 Tom THORNTON
 T WALSH

Tries

Alan BRADY
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Ray MORRIS
 Frank MATTERSON

Goals

Jim CRAIG (1)
 Charlie CORNWELL (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back, McMillan; three-quarters, Brady, Sherwood, Pearce, Morris; halves, Craig, Johnson; forwards, Matterson, Spillane, Cornwell, Brogan, Rhodes, Lindfield

Newtown: Full-back, Ellis; three-quarters, Kessey, Lind, McQuillan, Hockey; halves, Holmes, Mork; forwards, Walsh, T Thornton, J Thornton, Davies, Root, Leamey **Referee: L Deane**

The Sports Ground playing area was heavy, particularly in the centre, when Wests and Newtown played. The attendance was only about 8,000, due largely to the threatening state of the weather. Newtown won the toss, and went with the wind, which was blowing straight down the field. The ball was being thrown about, but not very effectively, while the tackling was heavy. The game was mostly on the Newtown side of half-way. J Thornton was injured, but the game went on, and Newtown almost scored. Then Morris started a glorious Western Suburbs attack, in which Rhodes, Cornwell and Spillane figured. Wests looked sure to score; but Kessey emerged with the ball, and raced down the centre. He seemed to lose his bearings, and was dropped. A moment later Pearce shot for the left wing, going hard, and inside the Newtown 25 gave Brady a perfect pass, and the winger scored in the corner. It was stirring football. Craig just missed the goal from off the touch-line, and Wests led by 3 to nil. Ellis sent Newtown to the Western Suburbs quarter with a line kick, and then Wests scored again. Craig, from a scrum, got the ball to Matterson, to Johnson, on to Pearce, who broke through grandly and passed to Sherwood. On to Morris the ball went and the winger, badly beating Ellis, scored near the corner. Cornwell kicked a good goal, and Western Suburbs led by 8 to nil. Playing grandly now, Wests went to the attack again. Brady cut along the wing, bumped Kessey off and kicked. He got the ball again on the bounce, but was forced into touch. ... That was just at half-time. Western Suburbs 8, Newtown nil.

Lindfield was injured early in the second spell, after which Newtown backs swung to the attack. ... Sherwood got a kick in the ribs, which stopped the game for a minute. ... Rain now began to fall, for the first time during the game, and Root burst through, but was not supported. ... The ball came from the ruck to Pearce, who went ahead and passed to Johnson. The five-eighth ran finely and swung a well-judged pass to Sherwood, and the latter finished the move with a try by diving over in the corner. Craig landed a great goal and Wests led by 13 to nil. From the ensuing scrum, Matterson went round the blind side, and scored in the corner. Craig missed the goal, and Wests led by 16 to nil. Full time score. **(The Sun 28th June 1930)**

Norman Johnson, ex-Newcastle school teacher now with Wests, must soon be in the running for State honours if he goes on playing like he did on Saturday. They say he's slow, but he covers that first few yards in evens or mighty close to it. **(Sydney Sportsman 1st July 1930)**

Bill Brogan says that P.C. Cornwell, Wests forward, is the best man in the game, barring no one. Bill may be right too, from the dash of the big chap on Saturday, and that the selectors have their eye on him is shown by the number of times he has been put into the big teams as a reserve. **(Sydney Sportsman 24th June 1930)**

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Notes: This win made it six in a row and Wests were now Premiership favourites. The ground was heavy and so was the tackling in a rough game. Lindfield was injured but was once again dominant in the scrums, while Sherwood was hurt for a while after being kicked in the ribs. Frank Matterson emphasised his status as one of the best forwards in Australia with a powerful blind-side run for a try. Note Brogan's comments on Charlie Cornwell. He was proved to be correct.