



1930 Round 8 Saturday 26th July North Sydney Oval



Western Suburbs 3

def.

North Sydney 0



Frank McMILLAN
 Alan BRADY
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Cliff PEARCE
 Harold RIGBY
 Jack ROSA
 Jim CRAIG (c)
 Frank MATTERSON
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Bill CARPENTER
 Frank SPILLANE
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Cecil RHODES

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

J FLOYD
 Grantley BENNETT
 Ken WOOD
 T MURRAY
 W HAGNEY
 Les CAROLL (c)
 Jimmy JOHNSON
 William HUMPHRIES
 Jack SPROUSTER
 Jack COSTA
 Joe BAIRD
 Cecil JOHNSON
 C McQUARRIE

Tries Alan BRADY

Goals

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back, J Floyd; three-quarters, G Bennett, K Woods, T Murray, W Hagney; half-backs, L Carroll (captain), J Johnson; forwards, C McQuarrie, J Baird, C Johnston, W Humphries, J Costa, J Sprouster

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, A Brady, H Rigby, C Pearce, K Sherwood; half-backs, J Rosa, J Craig (captain); forwards, F Matterson, F Spillane, W Carpenter, C Cornwell, R Lindfield, C Rhodes **Referee: W Neill**

The two early fixtures churned up the rain-sodden oval until it resembled a quagmire. There was a fair crowd present at the start of play. Carroll won the toss, and Craig kicked off. Wests were winning the scrums, but the backs were finding the greasy ball hard to handle. Norths pressed but McMillan's fine line kicking drove them back. At this stage the game was held up while Johnson, received ambulance attention. Wests continued to win the scrums, but Sherwood and Pearce were caught repeatedly in possession. A kicking duel between Craig and Floyd ended suddenly when Carpenter secured and made some ground before passing to Matterson. It seemed as if Wests must score, but Matterson's pass to Brady went low. The game was held up again while Humphries received attention. Wests pressed again but bad passing by Matterson and later by Carpenter kept them out. Wests were attacking when the bell went for half-time. At half-time neither side had scored.

After the spell, Norths pressed, but fine defensive work by McMillan and Craig kept them out. Craig put Wests on the attack with a nice line kick, but a free to Norths relieved. By this time both teams were covered with mud and it was difficult to recognise the players. Wests were now throwing the ball about in good style, but the heavy ground did not give the centres a chance to make ground, and Norths' strong defence was keeping Wests out. McMillan made a poor attempt at a field goal, the heavy ball going along the ground. Despite frequent penalties against him, Craig still persisted on working the second row. McMillan found touch near Norths' line with a good kick and from the scrum Sherwood made ground before passing to Brady, who fended two opponents to score a wonderful try in the corner. Craig's kick went wide. Western Suburbs 3, North Sydney nil. Norths came back to the attack and a free kick on Wests' line nearly sent Murray in, but Wests' forwards held him up over the line. Norths were attacking well, and excitement among the barrackers was intense. Rosa missed another opportunity for Wests when with no opposition he tries to pick up instead of taking his foot to the ball. The final scores were: Western Suburbs 3, Norths nil.

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Bill Brogan will not be available for Wests until July 28th. This was the decision of the judiciary committee, after inquiring into that player being sent off the field in the first New Zealand match for injudicious kicking. Brogan's explanation that he did not attend the League before, because he had not been notified, was accepted. **(Rugby League News 19th July 1930)**

Western fans will be keen to note the form of the reserve grader, J Rosa, as many claim that he is the equal of Norm Johnson, standing down for minor injuries. Rosa has certainly impressed by his clever display and all hope to see him make good today – except probably Norths.....another who has earned a big rep. in the West is Harold Rigby, who has been a big scoring medium for the reserves. Resource, determination and dash are his stock in trade and he will ably fill Morris' place. **(Rugby League News July 26th 1930)**

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Notes: It was now eight in a row and Wests were genuine Premiership contenders. Harold Rigby and Jack Rosa, who had both been starring in Reserve Grade, came up to replace the injured Ray Morris and Norm Johnston. Bill Brogan was still suspended, being replaced by Bill Carpenter. The match was played on a quagmire which goes to explain the poor handling of the greasy ball and the low score. Lindfield was again totally on top in the scrums although Jim Craig was penalised consistently for putting the ball in the second row!