



1931 Round 9 Saturday 11th July North Sydney Oval



North Sydney 17

def.

Western Suburbs 11

Les CARROLL
 Grantley BENNETT
 Ken WOOD
 Tom WRIGHT (c)
 V BEAUMONT
 Edward SHEPHERD
 William HANLEY
 J GROVES
 Harold JONES
 William HUMPHRIES
 C McQUARRIE
 Joe BAIRD
 Harold CROWLEY

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

Frank McMILLAN (c)
 Alan RIDLEY
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Cliff PEARCE
 Harold RIGBY
 Cecil ANDERTON
 Harry CAMERON
 Frank MATTERSON
 Charlie WRENCH
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Bill BROGAN
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Cecil RHODES



Tries

V BEAUMONT
 J GROVES
 Ken WOOD

Alan RIDLEY
 Harold RIGBY
 Charlie WRENCH

Goals

Les CARROLL (4)

Cliff PEARCE (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, H Rigby, C Pearce, K Sherwood, A Ridley; halves, C Anderton, H Cameron; forwards, F Matterson, C Wrench, C Cornwell, C Rhodes, W Brogan, R Lindfield

North Sydney: Full-back, L Carroll; three-quarters, V Beaumont, T Wright, K Woods, G Bennett; halves, L Shepherd, W Hanley; forwards, J Groves, W Humphries, H Jones, A Crowley, C McQuarrie, J Baird **Referee: A Lupton (The Sun 11th July 1931)**

Throughout, North Sydney generally had the better of play. The team work and particularly the handling of the Western Suburbs players were defective and presented several openings which their opponents quickly availed themselves of and enabled them to keep the visitors on the defensive for the better portion of the game. The home players generally produced their best form, particularly with this so with the winger Bennett who on several occasions thrilled the crowd with his meteor-like dashes down the field. North Sydney opened well and a forward rush brought play to their opponents' 25. Play remained about this portion of the field until Carroll misfielded in his team's quarter. Western Suburbs pressed for a time and on several occasions looked dangerous but each time penalties relieved. Woods made a good dash down the field and placed Western Suburbs on the defensive when Wright intercepted a pass by Cameron and passed to Groves who fell across the line for a try. Carroll converted. Western Suburbs' handling continued to be too slow and the home players again were enabled to do all the attacking. Cameron, Anderton and Brogan combined in a nice movement and carried play to the home 25 but Jones, intercepting a wild pass by Pearce relieved with a fine dash down the field. Rhodes then picked up a dropped pass by Wright and after gaining some ground, passed to Rigby who scored in the corner. Half time North Sydney 5, Western Suburbs 3.

Shortly after the interval Hanley secured from a scrum and passed to Shepherd to Wright to Wood who made a hard run to score close to the posts. Carroll converted. Western Suburbs immediately assumed the offensive and after Anderton, Pearce and Sherwood handled, Ridley secured and with a line dash scored in the corner. Shortly afterwards, McMillan fielded in his own 25 and the ball in its flight touched a home player, putting a large number of Western Suburbs players on-side. Wrench, who was among this bunch, secured, and dashed across the line for a try. Pearce converted. For the remainder of the game North Sydney monopolised play. Beaumont was the next scorer. After Hanley Shepherd and Wood had handled he secured possession and making a fine run down the sideline dived across. Carroll who converted shortly afterwards kicked a splendid penalty goal. For North Sydney Bennett, Beaumont and Wright were outstanding. Brogan, Pearce and Ridley were prominent for Western Suburbs (**The Sydney Morning Herald 13th July 1931**)

Western Suburbs selectors by dropping State Captain Harry Owen to play "Tassy" Cameron in the half-back position against North Sydney came in for a storm of criticism last week. After the game, they must have been quite satisfied with their judgement, for Cameron played finely, and justified the selection. As in the St George match, he was everywhere on the field at the right time, and tackled like a tiger. He is built on ideal lines for a scrum half, being small, stocky, quick on his feet, and gets his passes away snappily. His courage against giant forwards is proverbial, and a few more displays like he has given in the last few weeks will place him in line for State honours. (**Referee 15th July 1931**)

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Notes: North Sydney beat Wests for the second time in the season but the match changed dramatically just after Wests hit the lead 11-10, when Frank McMillan broke his ankle and was carried from the field. He would be out for the rest of the season. Up to that stage he had been the best player on the field, his line kicking and tackling being a feature. Cecil Anderton went to full-back so the team was very disrupted. Cliff Pearce, Bill Brogan and Ken Sherwood were back from Representative duties but the interesting selection was the retention of Harry Cameron, and the dropping of Harry Owen to Seconds, even though he was the State captain.