



# 1930 Round 9 Saturday 9th August Sydney Sports Ground



## Western Suburbs 16

def.

## North Sydney 11

Jim CRAIG (c)  
 Ray MORRIS  
 Ken SHERWOOD  
 Vince HUGHES  
 Harold RIGBY  
 Jack ROSA  
 Les MEAD  
 Frank MATTERSON  
 Frank SPILLANE  
 Bill CARPENTER  
 Bill BROGAN  
 Bob LINDFIELD  
 Cecil RHODES

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

Charlie RICHARDS  
 G ALGIE  
 Norm ROBNSON (c)  
 Charlie ROBERTS  
 Lionel MATCHETT  
 Les MOORE  
 George FRANKLAND  
 Reg LATTA  
 S MARTIN  
 Mal FALLON  
 Vic REEVES  
 George MULLINS  
 Wal MAIZEY

### Tries

Les MEAD (2)  
 Vince HUGHES  
 Jack ROSA

Reg LATTA  
 Charlie ROBERTS  
 Norm ROBINSON

### Goals

Jim CRAIG (2)

Charlie ROBERTS (1)

### Match Description

**Balmain:** Full-back. Richards; three-quarters, Algie, Robinson, Roberts, Matchett; halves, Moore, Frankland; forwards, Maizey, Mullins, Reeves, Martin, Fallon, Latta

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, Craig; three-quarters, Morris, Sherwood, Hughes, Rigby; halves, Mead. Rosa; forwards: Spillane, Matterson, Carpenter, Brogan, Lindfield, Rhodes. **Referee: L. Deane.**

With four of its stars in Brisbane, Western Suburbs, the unbeaten leaders, were considerably weakened. About 5000 saw Balmain open the game against a fair breeze. Balmain were penalised immediately, and Craig, with a magnificent kick, found touch near Balmain's line, ... Balmain were penalised a moment later, and Craig kicked the easiest of goals. Wests 2, Balmain nil. .... The game was fast and open, each side throwing the ball about well. .... Western Suburbs came back to the attack and a kick by Rosa was misfielded by the Balmain full-back, Richards, and Sherwood, picking up, passed to Hughes, who fell over the line with an opponent hanging on to him. Craig's kick just missed, and Wests led by 5 to nil... Then, from a ruck, Mead secured, cut through well, and badly beating Richards, scored under the posts, for Craig to kick an easy goal. Western Suburbs 10, Balmain nil. A moment later Wests were in again. Rigby made a great dash along the line, but Richards forced him into touch in Balmain's 25. From the scrum Rosa sent to Mead, to Hughes, who lost the ball. However, Rosa was handy, and, picking up, easily evaded Richards, and scored in the corner. Craig failed, and Western Suburbs led by 13 to nil. The game was held up for a time whilst Brogan received ambulance attention. .... From the ensuing scrum Rosa secured and wormed his way through the ruck to score. Rigby failed. Wests 16. Balmain nil. .... Half-time scores: Western Suburbs, 16, Balmain nil.

Wests took the offensive immediately on resuming, Richards failing to take a kick by Craig..... Then came the best movement of the game. Craig fielded the ball in his own 25, and with a fine dodgy run beat man after man. He sent to Mead and then on to Hughes, to Spillane, to Matterson, to Sherwood, to Rigby, who was grassed in Balmain's 25. Each man handled the ball perfectly. .... Then Moore secured from a scrum, sent to Frankland, who cut out Craig, and passed to Robinson. The latter, however, could not hold the ball. Roberts was handy and, picking up smartly, scored under the bar. He also kicked the goal, making the scores: Western Suburbs 16, Balmain 5. Balmain came back to the attack with great vigour and should have immediately scored again. Moore picked up in the loose, sent to Roberts who cut in well and gave a long pass to Robinson, who, once again, failed to hold the ball. However, the same player redeemed himself from the resultant scrum. Moore secured, sent to Frankland to Roberts to Robinson, who cut through and scored a good try. The same player missed the goal. Western Suburbs 16, Balmain 8. Balmain were now playing by far the superior football.... However, a moment later, Latta scored a clever try. Hughes was caught offside near the posts. Wests were penalised, and Latta caught them unawares and just short-kicked over the line. Following up fast, he fell on the ball for a try. Roberts missed an easy goal. Wests 16, Balmain 11. Wests had to fight hard to stem the determined Balmain rushes. .... Full-time scores: Western Suburbs 16, Balmain 11. **(The Sun 9th August 1930)**

**Notes:** It was now nine in a row and Wests deserved this win with a makeshift team. Les Mead and Bill Brogan were back and Vince Hughes made his debut from Reserves. McMillan, Cornwell, Johnson and Brady were all out playing rep. football in Brisbane, forcing Craig back to fullback, where he was an absolute star; his line kicks and tackling being the deciding factor. Some records have Jack Rosa scoring the last try but a study of most newspaper reports and the Annual Report makes it clear that it was Les Mead scoring his second try of the day.