

## Cyril Bellamy

..... did not play President's Cup football, so his rise to First grade ranks in 1922 as a nineteen year old, was impressive. Cyril played four Reserve Grade games and then made his First Grade debut in round seven. He then played eleven First Grade games straight to see out the 1922 season. In his first season as a winger with Wests, he was equal top-try scorer along with Wally Collins and Harold Leddy.

Cyril had a roller coaster career as a rugby league player. After a great start in 1922, he played only two First Grade games in 1923 and 1924 but played twenty three Reserve Grade games during the same period.

In 1925 Cyril was back in top form and played every First Grade game that season. He was once again Wests top-try scorer with nine tries. It was a good year for Wests, finishing second on the competition table and Cyril Bellamy was a major contributor to that success.

But once again 1926 and 1927 were lean years for Cyril. He played five First Grade games and seventeen Reserve Grade games during that period. Cyril's last season with Wests was in 1928, and he again struck form, playing every game in First Grade. He was the second highest try scorer behind "Pony" Redmond who played on the opposite wing.

Cyril played forty one First Grade, forty four Reserve Grade and one City Cup games for Wests in a career spanning from 1922 until 1928. He scored thirty seven First Grade tries, almost one for every First Grade game he played.

Cyril lived all of his life in the Lidcombe area and died there aged 44, in February 1947. He is buried at Rookwood Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria, Rookwood, NSW, Section M2, Row 15, Plot 576.