Jim Stack

..... in 1905 Jim was selected in the Metropolitan rugby union Second team and the Metropolis RU v Country RU match. He remained with Wests Rugby Union Club until 1907 and also maintained his association with the Ashfield Club which was to provide players to the newly formed Western Suburbs Rugby League Club in 1908.

NEW BRANCH OF THE RUGBY LEAGUE.

A large meeting of footballers was held in the Town Hall, Ashfield, for the purpose of forming a new club in the district, to be affiliated with the N.S.W. Rugby Football League. Alderman Woodbridge presided, and on the platform were a number of leading footballers. Messrs. H. Hoyle, president, and J. J. Giltinan, secretary of the league, addressed the meeting, and, on the motion of Mr. Stack, seconded by Mr. Elliott, it was decided, with but six dissentients, to form a Western Suburbs District Club, to be affiliated with the league.

Evening News 11 February 1908

Jim Stack became Wests first captain as well as the Club Treasurer and Delegate to the NSW Rugby League. In 1908 he played eight of the nine First Grade games that Wests contested. He also scored a try in Wests first ever win in round nine of the 1908 season. Wests narrowly defeated Newtown 6-5 on that historic day.

Jim was 28 years of age when he first played with Wests and was approaching the end of his football career. He played a further three First Grade games in 1910 and another game in 1911, before retiring from all Grade football.

As he was winding down his playing career, Jim maintained his interest in football administration and remained on Wests General Committee until at least 1910. He was also made a Life Member of the NSW Rugby League in 1914.

Jim Stack lived the remainder of his life at Ashfield, NSW, and died there in July 1970.