

Ern Holloway

..... played two First Grade games for Wests in 1909, both against Newcastle. There is no further record of him playing First Grade rugby league, but he did remain with Wests and was recorded playing in Reserve Grade in 1910.

There has been some confusion in the recording of Ern Holloway's name. He was recorded as Holloway player #26 and E. Holloway player #47 in Wests First Grade Master List. He is also recorded as E. Holloway in the Rugby League Project.

Printed team lists in newspapers at the time recorded both E. Holloway and W. Holloway playing for Ashfield rugby union teams. It is likely that Ernest Holloway's brother, Walter Edwin Holloway played locally with Ashfield teams, but it was Ernest Holloway that went on to play with Wests in 1908, 1909 and 1910.

When examining what positions Ernest Holloway played with the Wests First Grade team, it was noted that he played on the wing in 1908 and in 1909 he played in the forwards. However, in this era the teams did not appear to be as structured as they might be today and it wasn't unusual for players to readily move between backs and forwards, particularly if they were a utility player.

For instance, Charlie Elliott in his three First Grade appearances, played on the wing, at five-eighth and in the front row.

Ern Holloway lived in the Ashfield district up until the Second World War. After the war he moved to the Wollongong district south of Sydney. Ern Holloway died at Bulli, NSW in July 1962.