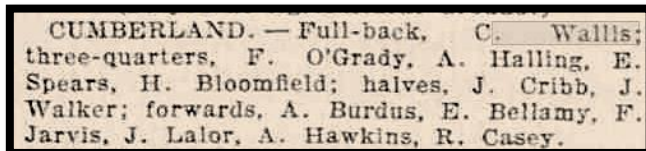


## Claude Wallis

was playing with his older brother, Henry Wallis, in the Ryde Oaks First Grade team in the Western Suburbs junior rugby union competition in 1905. They were correctly recorded as C. Wallis and H. Wallis.

No record has been found of Claude Wallis playing any form of football in 1906 or 1907, although he was likely to have played somewhere as his form was good enough to make the Cumberland rugby league team in 1908.

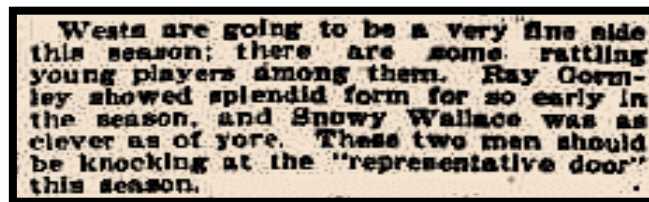


CUMBERLAND. — Full-back, C. Wallis; three-quarters, F. O'Grady, A. Halling, E. Spears, H. Bloomfield; halves, J. Cribb, J. Walker; forwards, A. Burdus, E. Bellamy, F. Jarvis, J. Labor, A. Hawkins, R. Casey.

Evening News 27 June 1908

Claude played six First Grade games with Cumberland, making his debut in round two of the competition. When Claude Wallis was playing for Cumberland in 1908, he was reported as S. Wallis and C. Wallis.

The Cumberland Rugby League Club folded at the start of the 1909 season and Claude Wallis was one of a number of Cumberland players that came across to play rugby league with neighbouring club Wests.



Wests are going to be a very fine side this season; there are some rattling young players among them. Ray Gormley showed splendid form for so early in the season, and Snowy Wallace was as clever as of yore. These two men should be knocking at the "representative door" this season.

Sydney Sportsman 21 April 1909

Claude made a good start to the season being selected in First Grade for the first competition match of the year. He played six consecutive First Grade games for Wests but that was the last recording of him playing first grade rugby league.

In 1909 when playing for Wests Claude was reported as S. Wallis and T. Wallis. He has subsequently been recorded as T. Wallis in the Wests First Grade players Heritage List and the Rugby League Project.

It is not clear why he would have been recorded as T. Wallis. However, it is probable that he was listed as S. Wallis as his nick name was "Snowy".

Claude moved to the inner city suburb of Camdenville in the 1920's where he was a Storekeeper. He then moved to the Rockdale area in the late 1940's. Claude died at Brighton-le-sands in December 1963. His memorial is at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, Matraville, NSW, Round Rose Gardens, Garden B 14, Position 133.