

Percy Briscoe

.... only played two games for Wests in rounds nine and ten of 1910 and immediately after Wests were beaten 67-0 in round eight.

Wests were having difficulty finding players towards the end of the season and Percy Briscoe may have been at the right place at the right time. It appeared that his wife had family living at Burwood which may have been the basis of him qualifying residentially.

Percy Briscoe was an insurance inspector and his employment resulted in him moving to different locations on a regular basis. He settled at Forest Road in Bexley in the early 1920's.

In 1925 Percy and his wife, Edith, were travelling from Blayney NSW back to Sydney as passengers in a car driven by a Mr P Hagan of Burwood, (probably a relative of Percy's wife, Edith Hagan), when at Woodford in the Blue Mountains the car left the road, dropped down a 35 foot gully, flipped over before landing on its wheels.

Hagan escaped without a scratch, Edith sustained severe shock and abrasions but Percy was seriously injured being crushed by the hood. Percy's hip was broken and he suffered from shock and bruising. Percy spent the next four months in hospital recuperating.

Six months after the accident, Edith Briscoe was visiting her family in the Newcastle area on holiday when she suddenly fell ill. She spent three weeks in Newcastle Hospital before succumbing to her illness. She was 38 years old. It is not known whether her death was related to the motor vehicle accident.

Percy Briscoe died at Waverley, NSW in November 1949.