

Bill McLeod

..... had a rapid rise from Third Grade to First Grade in 1933, but it was a difficult year for Wests with a high rotation of players. While Bill only played the one First Grade game that year, he did have further opportunities in the following seasons. Bill played until the end of 1936 and totalled twelve First Grade, forty Reserve Grade, and eight Third Grade games during his time at Wests, scoring a total of twelve tries in all games.

At a social, held by Merrylands B grade Football Club, on Friday night, club trophies were presented by the chairman, Mr. Cecil Glanville, to players W. McLeod and F. Walters, who have been adjudged the best forward and back in the team for the season. "Bill" McLeod surprised his team-mates with his eloquent response. Dancing was indulged

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Mr. Bill McLeod, the Merrylands footballer, has been chosen as five-eighth for Western Suburbs District Club's first grade team on Saturday. A quick rise for a young player.

The Biz 7 July 1933

MAKING his second appearance with the first grade team of Wests today, Billy McLeod has won his promotion by sheer merit, and his many admirers will join in his pleasure should his form warrant his continuous selection in the lock-forward position.

RLN 1935

In 1936 there was a move to establish a new First Grade Rugby League Club in the Parramatta district and the names of a number of prominent Western Suburbs players were nominated as likely candidates to join the new Club. Bill McLeod was one of these players along with Jim Parsons, Harry Hannan, Max Gray and Bob Allison. The proposal was rejected by the NSW Rugby League, and it would be another decade before Parramatta won the right to enter the Sydney competition.

**PARRAMATTA
WANTS RUGBY
LEAGUE TEAM**

At a meeting in the Parramatta School of Arts last night it was decided to form a Rugby League Club and seek admission to the first-grade competition. It was announced at the meeting

that the necessary finance had been promised, and a committee was formed to organise the scheme. About 75 people attended the meeting, and Mr. J. Scullin was elected president, Mr. A. Gates treasurer, and Mr. J. Argent secretary, all pro-tem. Western Suburbs players expected to play with Parramatta are J. Parsons (second-row forward), W. McLeod (lock forward), H. Hannan (hooker), M. Gray, and B. Allison

The Biz 1936

Bill McLeod enlisted in September 1941 with the Citizens Military Forces at Merrylands, NSW for service in the Second World War. He then joined the AIF in March 1943 while in the field in Western Australia. He was posted to the 4th Infantry Battalion. Bill was discharged from service in February 1945 as he was required for employment in an essential occupation.



Bill McLeod 1943

After he returned from military service, Bill furthered his business career. Bill's father and uncle were the Directors of ABBCO Bread Co during the war years and supplied baking products to Sydney as

well as the military. Bill McLeod took over the role as Manager of the company from his father in the mid 1940's after his father's death.

Mr. Bill McLeod, manager of Abbco Bread Co. Pty. Ltd., Leichhardt, who has recently returned from a visit to U.S.A., said he was unable to see the pilot plant of the new process in action, but saw some bread manufactured from it.

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Bill McLeod lived the later part of his life in the inner city suburb of Leichhardt, NSW. He died in June 1986 at Arrawarra Headland, near the town of Woolgoolga on the NSW north coast, where he was born.