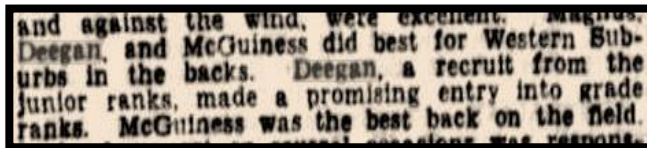


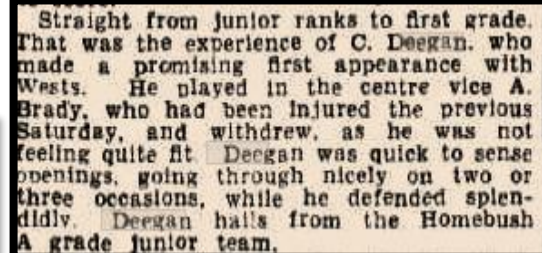
Cliff Deegan

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and against the wind, were excellent. Magnus, Deegan, and McGuinness did best for Western Suburbs in the backs. Deegan, a recruit from the junior ranks, made a promising entry into grade ranks. McGuinness was the best back on the field.

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Straight from junior ranks to first grade. That was the experience of C. Deegan, who made a promising first appearance with Wests. He played in the centre vice A. Brady, who had been injured the previous Saturday, and withdrew, as he was not feeling quite fit. Deegan was quick to sense openings, going through nicely on two or three occasions, while he defended splendidly. Deegan hails from the Homebush A grade junior team.

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Cliff Deegan didn't play First Grade again with Wests until 1935, but was a regular in the Reserve Grade team from 1934 until 1937. He captained the Wests Reserve Grade team to a premiership in 1936. In May of 1936 Cliff was selected for a Reserve Grade Possibles v Probables match that was a curtain raiser to the Metropolitan v Great Britain match played at the SCG.

There is no further record of Cliff Deegan playing Grade rugby league after 1937. During his time at Wests, Cliff played three First Grade, forty five Reserve Grade and four Third grade games. In all Grades he scored eleven tries and kicked one goal for a tally of thirty five points.

Cliff Deegan lived his life in the Homebush/Lidcombe area where he died in 1996.