

Charlie Collier

..... did trial with Souths at the start of the 1913 season but there is no record of Charlie playing that year. In 1914 he linked up with Wests and played eleven First Grade and one City Cup game.

It was not a great year for Wests, even though they were quite competitive in most games, they could only claim one win for the season. Charlie's scoring contribution for the season was a single goal.

There is no further record of Charlie Collier playing First Grade rugby league after 1914, however he did maintain an interest in sport, particularly with cricket.

Charlie Collier played cricket at Moore Park and was recorded playing in a patriotic "War Chest Day" in 1917, to raise funds for the war effort. Other members of that team included former Wests players, "Arthur Juncker" Brown and Joe Lindsay.



Patriotic Match "War Chest Day" - Moore Park "Present Team"

Back: H B Taylor (VP) and (Sel), T Johns (Sel), C Murray (Sec), Ald WJ Walker (Pat), J H Taylor (Pres), W Williams (Score)

Centre: O Carr, G Houghton, F Storey (C), G Holley, H L Emerson, J McFarland,

Front: C Collier, A West, N Taylor, A Smith, A H Brown

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Charlie Collier's son Ernest "Bill" Frederick Collier played First Grade for St George in the 1940's. He played in the inaugural St George premiership team in 1941 however the Second World War interrupted his playing career.

Bill Collier's rugby league and military service was recognised by the creation of the Ashton-Collier Medal. Ferris Ashton who played for Eastern Suburbs is the other player that is recognised. The medal which was formerly known as the Spirit of Anzac Medal, is awarded to the player of the match in the annual Anzac day game between St George and Eastern Suburbs. In awarding this medal consideration is given to the player that typifies the Anzac spirit in the annual clash.

Charlie Collier lived most of his adult life at Bexley NSW. He died in December 1962.