

## Gordon Hastie

..... only played the one First Grade game with Wests and that was in round four of the 1915 season. Wests were well beaten and the notes recorded on the Wests Archive web site provide a summary of the match.

*"This was the one and only appearance for Gordon Hastie. Wests were obviously experimenting at half. The comments on the team are interesting. There had been a huge change of personnel and they included a lot of very good players but it demonstrated how difficult it was to get a combination going. They had a powerful forward pack, as evidenced by team photos at the time, but just couldn't seem to get the offence going well."*

Source: [westsarchives.com.au](http://westsarchives.com.au)

WESTERN SUBURBS		1915 Round 4 Saturday 29th May Erskineville Oval		WESTERN SUBURBS	
<b>South Sydney 30</b>		<b>def.</b>	<b>Western Suburbs 3</b>		
Wally DYMANT	<i>Fullback</i>	Athol WHITE			
Harold HORDER	<i>Wing</i>	Walter SIMPSON			
Hash THOMPSON	<i>Centre</i>	Cecil FOORD			
Rex NORMAN	<i>Centre</i>	Archie PRENTICE			
Os BROWN	<i>Wing</i>	Tom McCAULEY			
Ray NORMAN	<i>Five-eighth</i>	Gordon HASTIE			
Arthur BUTLER (c)	<i>Half</i>	Archie MITCHELL			
Roy ALMOND	<i>Lock</i>	Frank HOLT			
John KERWICK	<i>Second Row</i>	Harold LEDDY			
Eddie HILLIARD	<i>Second Row</i>	A SMITH			
Harry BUTLER	<i>Front Row</i>	Edward COURTNEY (c)			
Owen McCARTHY	<i>Hooker</i>	Clarrie PRENTICE			
Bill GROVES	<i>Front Row</i>	William JOASS			

Gordon Hastie's only First Grade game with Wests

Gordon Hastie apparently picked up his interest in business and travel at an early age. When he was playing with Balmain rugby union in 1910, he was given a farewell for an upcoming business trip to China. In 1937 he sailed to England with his wife Ruby.

However, Gordon Hastie appeared to have diverse interests being a publican at the City View Hotel in Abercrombie St Redfern in the 1920's and a Business manager in the 1930's. In 1915 an article in the Sydney Sportsman referred to him as "Hurrying Hastie, the millionaire contractor of the Western Suburbs."

Gordon Hastie enlisted with the AIF in January 1916. He was posted to the 24 Coy. Australian Army Services Corps. 3rd Divisional Train and embarked for France in November 1916. Gordon survived the war unscathed and returned to Australia in mid-1919.

Gordon initially lived in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs but soon moved across the harbour to the Sydney suburb of Mosman. He died at Mosman, NSW in October 1974.