



1951 Round 1 Saturday 7th April Cumberland Oval



Parramatta 25

def.

Western Suburbs 19

Colin SCHOMBERG
 Mitchell WALLACE
 Ian JOHNSTONE
 Don GRAHAM (c)
 Ted EVANS
 Johnny ROSS
 Lance THOMPSON
 Don REGAN
 Bruce MANN
 Bob HOBBS
 Ray NICHOLSON
 Neville SPENCE
 George ROBERTSON

Fullback
Wing
Centre
Centre
Wing
Five-eighth
Half
Lock
Second Row
Second Row
Front Row
Hooker
Front Row

Don WORNE
 Pat LEAL
 Bob DIMOND
 Dev DINES
 Jack FITZGERALD
 Frank STANMORE (c)
 Keith HOLMAN
 Bill RAWLINSON
 Arthur COLLINSON
 Kevin HANSEN
 Bill HORDER
 Alan HORNERY
 Brian BEGER



Tries

Ian JOHNSTON (2)
 Don GRAHAM
 Johnny ROSS
 Mitchell WALLACE

Arthur COLLINSON
 Bob DIMOND
 Dev DINES

Goals

Colin SCHOMBERG (5)

Don WORNE (5)

Match Description

Parramatta: C Schomberg; three-quarters: M Wallace, I Johnston, D Graham (c), E Evans; five-eighth: J Ross; half: L Thompson; forwards: D Regan, B Mann, R Hobbs, G Robertson, N Spence, R Nicholson

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Worne; three-quarters: P Leal, R Dimond, D Dines, J Fitzgerald; five-eighth: F Stanmore (c); half: K Holman; forwards: W Rawlinson, A Collinson, K Hansen, W Horder, A Hornery, B Beger **Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News 21st April 1951)**

The loss of lock-forward W. Rawlinson, at a vital period of the game lost Western Suburbs its match against Parramatta. Parramatta defeated West, 25-19, at Cumberland Oval. Parramatta had led 8-3 at half-time. Rawlinson was injured in a tackle 20 minutes from time and had to be taken to the Parramatta District Hospital, suffering an injured shoulder. At the time Parramatta was leading 13-9. Then a strong 15-minute attack by West put it in the lead by six points (19-13). Parramatta fought back, and in the last seven minutes added 12 points, to give it victory. **(The Daily Telegraph 8th April 1951)**

Parramatta League side, despite losing many scrums, gave a leg weary and almost defenceless Western Suburbs a torrid final 10 minutes of play at Parramatta yesterday, scoring 12 points in that period to win 25-19. Brain behind almost every Parramatta move was centre Don Graham. He had a hand in four of the five tries scored by Parramatta. Best try was scored right on half time. Graham made 40 yards with a weaving run, before transferring to Mann, who sent winger Wallace flying across in the corner. Parramatta were well served by former junior five-eighth, Jim Ross. In the forwards, Hobbs and Mann were the pick. For Wests Kevin Hansen spoiled a sterling display by too often being caught in possession. Official attendance 6230. Gate £706. **(Truth 8th April 1951)**

..... The match looked a certain victory for West, who foolishly kept the game open when it had such a winning lead. It was then that the young five-eighth, Ross, braced up the Parramatta attack with a reverse pass from Mann and shot through the defence to the full-back, well supported by Don Graham on one side and Ian Johnston on the other. Graham held the pass, to speed nearly half the length of the field to score under the posts. Wests became rattled, and Ross scored in the closing second for Schomberg to goal and put the game beyond doubt. Parramatta deserved its victory. Graham stood out as a calm and clever tactician among many players who lacked steadiness. Wests were handicapped by the loss of its lock forward, Rawlinson, half way through the second half, but the side seemed to play more strongly with only 12 men. Wests won a commanding share of the ball from the scrums, but international half-backs Stanmore and Holman did not combine effectively or smoothly. Hansen did tremendous work for his side, while Mann, Hobbs, and Nicholson were untiring forwards for Parramatta. Collinson had a most promising debut with Wests and scored quite a good try. **(The Sunday Herald 8th April 1951)**

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Notes: There was a major change of personnel for this season. Bill Keato had retired and become Treasurer of the Club. He was replaced by Don Worne, who did a good job in this match. Peter McLean had left to be Captain/Coach of Warialda and Jack Lackey held the same position at Peak Hill. Pat Leal made a welcome return to First Grade and Bob Dimond was back after an injured-riddled 1950. Arthur Collinson debuted after being a Country Firsts rep in 1950 and scored a good try. This was a major upset, where Wests led 19-13 with ten minutes to go, but then faded as they felt the effects of playing with twelve men, Bill Rawlinson being forced off with an injured shoulder with 20 minutes to go. A new rule on penalty kicks was to have a major influence on scoring. The kick could now be taken from the mark of the penalty rather than having to go back to kick over the man on the mark.