



1954 Round 10 Monday 14th June Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 17

def.

Parramatta 7

Eddy WYNN
 Kevin OWENS
 Jack FITZGERALD
 George BAIN
 Barry OWEN
 Don GRAHAM
 Keith HOLMAN (c)
 Jack GIBSON
 Nev CHARLTON
 Bill OWENS
 Max CALDWELL
 Hec FARRELL
 John HARRISON

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

Johnny SLADE
 Maurice McCLINTOCK
 Joe JORGENSON
 Max BAILEY
 Don FERGUSON
 Brian JONES
 Don TOSH
 Ken SLATTERY
 Tom ANDERSON
 Alan CAMERON
 Roy FISHER
 Keith AGGETT
 Charlie GILL (c)

Tries John HARRISON
 Keith HOLMAN
 Barry OWEN

Max BAILEY

Goals George BAIN (4)

Joe JORGENSON (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: E Wynn; three-quarters: B Owen, J Fitzgerald, G Bain, K Owens; five-eighth: D Graham; half: K Holman (c), forwards: J Gibson, N Charlton, W Owens, M Caldwell, H Farrell, J Harrison

Parramatta: Full-back: J Slade; three-quarters: M McClintock, J Jorgenson, M Bailey, D Ferguson; five-eighth: B Jones; half: D Tosh; forwards: H Crocker, K Slattery, T Anderson, A Cameron, R Fisher, K Aggett, C Gill (capt) **Referee: L Williams**

Western Suburbs made a few changes in their line-up against Parramatta at Pratten Park. Centre Dev Dines was omitted, G Bain replacing him from full-back. E Wynn was promoted to fullback from the reserves. Tamworth forward Jack Harrison replaced Hooper in the front row. Nev Charlton was moved up to second row and Jack Gibson from the reserves took the lock position. The attendance was in the vicinity of 1500 at 3 pm. **(The Daily Mirror 14th June 1954)**

A brilliant try by Test half-back Keith Holman highlighted the match at Pratten Park. Western Suburbs defeated Parramatta, 17-7, after having led 9-2 at half-time. Test lock Mick Crocker withdrew from the Parramatta side. He said he had a bruised shoulder. Holman's try was his only bright patch. He said last Saturday's Test had slowed him. Holman's try came from a set scrum 20 yards from the Parramatta line. He threw a quick pass to five-eighth Don Graham, doubled back, and flashed through an opening. Wests forwards played with more cohesion than Parramatta, and were largely responsible for their team's victory. Although Parramatta won a large share of the scrums, the fast breaking Western Suburbs forwards, nullified this advantage. Parramatta half-back Don Tosh starred in a losing side. He never ceased trying, and several brilliant bursts went unrewarded through lack of support. Centres Joe Jorgenson and Max Bailey combined well, and together, made Parramatta's only try. Western Suburbs' experiment with George Bain in the centre was not a success. Johnny Slade was far too experienced for Wynn, and he was always threatening in attack. **(The Daily Telegraph 15th June 1954)**

Western Suburbs, playing the second half without hooker Hec Farrell, held off determined attacks to beat Parramatta 17-7 at Parramatta yesterday. West led 9-2 at half-time, when Farrell, who had been winning the scrums, was taken to hospital with a fractured rib. Winger K. Owens fractured the little finger of his left hand in the first half, but played on with it strapped to his third finger. Bad handling cost Parramatta its chance in the second half when it had definite advantage from the scrums. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 15th June 1954)**

A country boy, John Harrison, came down for a run in the trials was only graded in the lower grade, but through sheer determination has shown such improvement that he has won a place in the Firsts. We congratulate you, John, and hope you go further. George Bain will be seen in a new position this week, that of centre and we have high hopes that George could be successful in this position and help solve one of our problems. **(Rugby League News 14th June 1954)**

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Notes: There were some major team changes for this match. Dev Dines was dropped, Bain went to centre and Eddy Wynn from Reserves went to full-back. John Harrison from Reserves also made his debut, replacing Eddie Hooper. The Bain experiment at centre seemed a failure and in a lacklustre game the only bright spot was the brilliant try by Keith Holman. Hec Farrell broke a rib and didn't come back on for the second half so it was a good effort by Wests to win with 12 men.