



# 1955 Round 10 Saturday 18th June Belmore Oval



## Canterbury 9

def.

## Western Suburbs 6

Fred DUNN  
 Roy FREEBODY  
 Bill MILLER  
 Ray GARTNER (c)  
 Allan SCHWEBEL  
 Alan MASON  
 Mike McGEE  
 Nick EVANS  
 Mal JONES  
 Jack BOWMAN  
 Joe PALMER  
 Fred ANDERSON  
 Barry NELSON

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

John BREST  
 John THOMPSON  
 Bill BROWN  
 Jim PLATER  
 Barry OWEN  
 Don GRAHAM  
 Keith HOLMAN (c)  
 Nev CHARLTON  
 Bill CARSON  
 Bill OWENS  
 Max CALDWELL  
 Hec FARRELL  
 John HARRISON



**Tries** Nick EVANS

**Goals** Fred DUNN (3) One field goal

John BREST (3)

### Match Description

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: F Dunn; three-quarters: R Freebody, W Miller, R Gartner (c), A Schwebel; five-eighth: A Mason; half: M McGee; forwards: N Evans, J Bowman, M Jones, J Palmer, F Anderson, B Nelson

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Brest; three-quarters: J Thompson, J Plater, W Brown, B Owen; five-eighth: D Graham; half: K Holman (c); forwards: N Charlton, W Carson, W Owens, J Harrison, H Farrell, M Caldwell **Referee: D Lawler (The Daily Mirror 18th June 1955)**

Canterbury full-back Fred Dunn clinched a win over Western Suburbs with a great field goal at Belmore Oval yesterday. Canterbury won 9-6 after having trailed 0-6 at half-time. Grand cover defence by the mobile Canterbury forwards led to Western Suburbs' defeat. Western Suburbs hooker Hec Farrell won the scrums 27-15, giving Wests a feast of the ball. Canterbury forwards "Buddy" Bowman, Max Jones and Nick Evans continually upset the Western Suburbs backline with fierce tackling. Centres Ray Gartner and Bill Miller also defended well driving the Western Suburbs centres back to the quick breaking forwards. Western Suburbs full-back Jack Brest kicked three good goals from penalties to give Wests a 6-0 lead at half-time. Holman made many fine bursts, combining well with lock Nev Charlton, but he could not score. **(Sunday Telegraph 19th June 1955)**

Canterbury and Wests slogged it out yesterday at Belmore Oval. The Berries slogged a bit better and just landed the bacon 9-6. Real star of the show was League Test ref. Darcy Lawler – but not as a player. Darcy ought to be in McNamara's band the way he tooted and tootled, but it was too much for the customers who almost drowned his music with their heckling. Lawler also jolted the game with his unpredictable decisions. The forwards dominated the game in the main, with the local six more cohesive and energetic. The Western pack lacked finish and thrust and in the later stages slowed down almost to a walk. .... Wests' backs, with a surfeit of the ball, invariably ran across country, crowded each other and grounded passes. The Berries attacking machinery likewise rarely functioned, the players being flat-footed, with an absence of variation or penetrative ability. The respective full-backs, Fred Dunn and J Brest stole the thunder. The former never made a faux pas, handled, kicked, and tackled superbly, besides landing two penalties and a corker field goal. J Brest scored Wests' only points, three fine goals, and was the only back able to penetrate, besides nursing a dicky leg. .... Keith Holman was most subdued. W Brown was the best back for Wests, while in a second-rate pack of forwards W Carson stood out with a virile and energetic display, supported by H Farrell and W Caldwell. **(Truth 19th June 1955)**

.... Wests, although they won the majority of scrums, showed no imagination in attack. Their inside backs ran diagonally across the field, crowded the outside men, and continually jolted movements. Full-back J Brest, who kicked three excellent goals, was the only Wests back to show any penetration. Wests forwards worked hard, with W Carson outstanding. They rucked well, particularly on the defensive. The game was marred by too many dropped passes on both sides. **(Sun Herald 19th June 1955)**

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**Notes:** This was a very dogged forward clash where the Canterbury pack finished on top, although Bill Carson had a standout match. John Brest kicked three good goals from all angles. Keith Holman had a very subdued match. The absence of Ron Watson, who pulled out late with an injury, was a big loss. Brest was the best player for Wests, even playing with an injured leg.