

1960 Round 11 Saturday 18th June Belmore Oval

Canterbury 20 def. Western Suburbs 10

Bill PETLEY **Fullback** Darcy RUSSELL Ron DICK Wing Dave BARSLEY Dick PICKETT Harry WELLS Centre John RUSSELL Centre Dick POOLE (c) Ken ROWLANDS Wing Ian MOIR Ray GARTNER Five-eighth **Arthur SUMMONS** Ron THORNTON Half Keith HOLMAN Colin BROWN Lock **Doug JONES** Kevin BROWN Second Row **Garry RUSSELL** Kevin COX Second Row **BILL CARSON** Brian DAVIES (c) Front Row **Denis MEANEY** Fred ANDERSON Hooker Bede GOFF **Bob AMBROSE** Front Row George DOWNIE

Tries Kevin BROWN (2) Dave BARSLEY (2)

Ken ROWLANDS John RUSSELL

Goals Brian DAVIES (4) Darcy RUSSELL (2)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: W Petley; three-quarters: R Dick, R Pickett, J Russell, K Rowlands; five-eighth: R Gartner; half: R Thornton; forwards: C Brown, K Brown, K Cox, B Davies (c), F Anderson, R Ambrose

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: D Barsley, H Wells, R Poole (c), I Moir; five-eighth: A Summons; half: K Holman;

forwards: D Jones, G Russell, W Carson, D Meaney, B Goff, G Downie Referee: D Lawler (The Sun 18th June 1960)

With former Test skipper Brian Davies as pivot, Canterbury forwards dominated in their convincing 20 points to 10 win over Western Suburbs at Belmore Oval yesterday. Davies not only inspired the virile Canterbury pack but revealed some of the magnificent form which made him a top class Test forward a few seasons ago. From the rucks he smartly distributed the ball to his supports, then raced around them to join in attacking movements. Wests yesterday, except for a brief period in the last 10 minutes of the first half, never looked like winning. At this stage, down five points to nil following a try by winger Ken Rowlands and a goal by Davies, Wests produced two sparkling back-line moves in which winger Dave Barsley sparkled. Barsley scored from each movement with grim, determined runs to the corner, but from then on Wests seldom looked dangerous. The tale of Canterbury's win was the magnificent rucking and tackling by the pack, with Kevin Brown the star. Brown crossed for two tries in the second half, ran splendidly through rucks, and his cover work in conjunction with brother Colin at lock found Wests unable to pierce the defence. Cox, Anderson and Ambrose also deserve mention for their part in hammering away both in attack and defence. The star of the winning back-line was centre John Russell. Russell repeatedly went through Wells and Poole, and his tackling of both Wests' centres halted them in their tracks. Gartner, too, had a good game, varying his play nicely with well-placed kicks after Russell had drawn Poole out of position. Apart from Barsley, Wests' best player was veteran Keith Holman, who never stopped trying. (Sunday Mirror 19th June 1960)

Canterbury-Bankstown, by good teamwork, convincingly beat Western Suburbs 20-10 at Belmore Oval yesterday. Canterbury entertained the crowd of 6,535 with many sharp movements. Their forwards, well led by Brian Davies, out-manoeuvred the Wests' pack. They combined well to open up play for their youthful and promising backs. Again, halves Ron Thornton and Ray Gartner proved a vital link and often turned defence into attack. State hooker Bede Goff shaded Canterbury's Fred Anderson in the scrums, but Anderson had the better match in the open play. The pressure which the Canterbury forwards maintained throughout the game took toll of the weighty Wests' pack over the closing stages. Wests' half-back Keith Holman had a hard but convincing game. He did more than his share of tackling which at times included many of the Canterbury forwards and on many occasions found an opening in an attempt to set his side on the attack. Canterbury second-rower Kevin Brown was by far the best forward on the field. Midway through the half Davies landed his first goal from three attempts and Canterbury led 5-0. After a let-up by Canterbury, Wests nippy winger Dave Barsley scored two great tries in a matter of minutes. Full-back Darcy Russell converted one and Wests led 8-5 at half-time. Then Kevin Brown barged over near the corner and Davies converted to put Canterbury again in front. With three-quarters of the match gone, John Russell showed amazing speed for his size to score in the corner after taking a well-timed pass from Col Brown 30 yards out. Then, in the final seven minutes, Kev Brown scored his second try after a hard 20-yard run and Davies landed two goals for Canterbury to win 20-10. (The Sun-Herald 19th June 1960)

Notes: The Wests' pack was clearly outplayed in this game, although the backs played well and Barsley scored two exciting tries. Keith Holman was again Wests' best player but found it difficult playing behind a beaten pack.

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