



1956 Round 11 Saturday 23rd June North Sydney Oval



North Sydney 18

def.

Western Suburbs 8

Alan ARKEY
 Ray CARDILINI
 Trevor ALLEN (c)
 Alf MADDEN
 Horrie TOOLE
 Ken ODGERS
 Bob DAWSON
 Barry FRASER
 Harold BLINKHORN
 Bernie CUNEO
 Don EVENDEN
 Norm STRONG
 Jack BLINKHORN

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

Ray ALDRICH
 Ernie HILLS
 Harry WELLS (c)
 Ian JOHNSTON
 Fred DELANEY
 Darcy HENRY
 Noel TREVENA
 Don MEEHAN
 Bill CARSON
 Nev CHARLTON
 Mark PATCH
 Bede GOFF
 Bill OWENS



Tries Ray CARDILINI (3)
 Trevor ALLEN

Goals Alan ARKEY (3)

Ray ALDRICH (4)

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back: A Arkey; three-quarters: R Cardilini, T Allen, A Madden, H Toole; five-eighth: K Odgers; half: B Dawson; forwards: B Fraser, H Blinkhorn, B Cuneo, D Evenden, N Strong (c), J Blinkhorn

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Aldrich; three-quarters: E Hills, H Wells, F Delaney, D Henry; five-eighth: I Johnston; half: N Trevena; forwards: D Meehan, N Charlton, W Carson, M Patch, B Goff, W Owens **Referee: L Williams (The Sun 23rd June 1956)**

North Sydney Rugby League side yesterday recorded a shock 18-8 win over Western Suburbs at North Sydney Oval. North Sydney's backline functioned well. Pivots of the Norths' attack were new half-back Bob Dawson and centre Trevor Allan. Allan showed superb form both in attack and defence, and no sign of his previous injury. Dawson swung the direction of attack and varied play well. He had played Rugby Union before going to England, where he played League with Workington Town. This was Dawson's first game since returning and his first run in four months. The purposeful attack of the backs as a whole, and Allan's ability to get his winger away, resulted in three tries to winger Cardilini. Cardilini ran with determination and showed speed in his sideline runs. Western Suburbs backline by comparison was disjointed. Trevena (half), Henry (five-eighth) and centres Wells and Johnston tried hard under difficulties. **(Sunday Telegraph 24th June 1956)**

North Sydney had its second win of the season, 18-8, at the expense of Western Suburbs, at North Sydney. Norths' previous win was in the opening round over Eastern Suburbs. A revitalised backline was the main reason for North's change of fortune. Playing his second game since his injury, Trevor Allan was the driving force in Norths' attack. He made many breaks through, and got the ball away smartly. Norths have found a wing man of outstanding ability in Ray Cardilini. Cardilini started the year in third grade, and in his first appearance in first grade yesterday scored three magnificent tries. Bob Dawson, who had just returned after 6 seasons in England, was a success as half. As five-eighth for Wests, Darcy Henry was not over-impressive. Wests missed Keith Holman. **(Sun-Herald 24th June 1956)**

Norths were never headed at North Sydney Oval where they cleaned up Wests 18-6. It was Norths' second League win in 11 games played. Alan Arkey, Norths "kicker" must have left his kicking boots at home. Some of his attempts, against the strong wind, with his high tee, were about "Z" grade standard. The sensation of the day was ex-junior Ray Cardilini, who not only crossed the line thrice, but made many thrilling moves and defended like an international. He displayed real football brains. Trevor Allan, who led the locals, gave a polished display and added a necessary balance to the Shoremen that has been missing for some time. Barry Fraser completely outplayed his opponent, Don Meehan. Harry Wells did a few characteristic dashes, but on occasions, when challenged, clearly showed the book on elementals is all wrong. Darcy Henry seemed to challenge inside-right to inside-left. However, he left us all guessing. **(Truth 24th June 1956)**

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Notes: This was regarded as an upset win and certainly set back Wests' semi chances. The great Trevor Allen for North Sydney set their backline going, enabling new winger, Cardilini, to score three tries. Wests had yet again a reshuffled team, with Trevena at half in place of Holman, Darcy Henry into five-eighth and Ian Johnston out to the centres. Ray Aldrich took over the goal-kicking duties and landed four good goals. Wests seemed to always struggle when Keith Holman was out. Time and again it demonstrated his dominance as a player.