



# 1955 Round 11 Saturday 25th June Pratten Park



## Eastern Suburbs 26

def.

## Western Suburbs 8

Ron BOOTH  
 Noel PIDDING (c)  
 Robert THOMAS  
 Maurice KERMOND  
 Nev HAYES  
 Ron KELK  
 Reg CURRAN  
 Barry BLUNDELL  
 Ray HYDE  
 Kevin WILSON  
 Ferris ASHTON  
 Neville GOSSON  
 Terry FEARNLEY

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

Noel TREVENA  
 John THOMPSON  
 Don COLLIER  
 Keith DEACON  
 Bill BAILEY  
 Bill BROWN  
 Bob TUCKER  
 Nev CHARLTON (c)  
 Bill CARSON  
 Bill OWENS  
 Ron WATSON  
 Bede GOFF  
 John HARRISON



**Tries**  
 Ferris ASHTON  
 Ron BOOTH  
 Ron KELK  
 Noel PIDDING

Bill BAILEY  
 Bede GOFF

**Goals**  
 Ron BOOTH (5)  
 Noel PIDDING (2)

Don COLLIER (1)

### Match Description

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: R Booth; three-quarters: N Pidding (c), R Thomas, M Kermond, C Longhurst; five-eighth: R Kelk; half: R Curran; forwards: B Blundell, R Hyde, K Wilson, F Ashton, N Gosson, T Fearnley

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: N Trevena; three-quarters: W Bailey, D Collier, K Deacon, J Thompson; five-eighth: W Brown; half: R Tucker; forwards: N Charlton, W Carson, W Owens, J Harrison, B Goff, R Watson **Referee: A Shiner (as per program + newspaper adjustments Rugby League News 25th June 1955)**

Eastern Suburbs won 26-7 from Western Suburbs in a ragged game at Pratten Park yesterday. Easts led 9-0 at half-time. The game was mainly confined to the forwards with very little open play. Backs on both sides lacked dash. Bad handling caused many movements to break down. Wests had a feast of the ball from the scrums but its backline failed to penetrate. Its tries came from an intercept and a loose ruck. Easts did not impress. Most of its tries came from Wests' mistakes. A feature of the game was the duel between full-backs Ron Booth (Easts) and Noel Trevena (Wests). Booth scored a try and kicked five goals. His try in which he ran 50 yards through the Western Suburbs defence was the highlight of the game. Trevena, a third-grader, was a last-minute replacement because of Brest's withdrawal and was Wests' outstanding player. Ferris Ashton, Easts' second-rower, was the outstanding player. He rucked well and continually linked up in his side's try-scoring movements. **(Sunday Telegraph 26th June 1955)**

Blundell was penalised for not allowing Hyde to play the ball correctly. Pidding took the penalty and goaled from 40 yards. Easts 2-0. Booth, with a pass from Curran, out-spied Wests' defence to score near the posts 20 yards out. Pidding converted. Easts 7-0. Play was in Wests' 25 when Tucker was penalised for putting the ball in the second-row. Booth landed a fine penalty for Easts as the half-time bell rang. Easts 9-0. A quick intercept by Collier on half-way resulted in a fine try for Wests by Bailey. Trevena failed to convert. Easts 7, Wests 3. A penalty went to Wests when the Easts forwards failed to allow Thompson to play the ball correctly. Collier raised the flags with a fine kick from 40 yards out. Easts 9-5. Pidding scored in the corner after a ruck. Booth converted. Easts 14, Wests 5. Charlton was caught off-side and Booth landed a penalty. Easts 16, Wests 5. Booth put Easts farther ahead with a fine penalty goal from the sideline about 40 yards out. Easts 18, Wests 5. Curran received from a 40 yard out scrum and sent on to Kelk, who out-paced the defence to score. Booth failed to convert. Easts 21, Wests 5. Goff secured from a ruck and barged his way over for Wests. Collier failed to convert. Easts 21, Wests 8. Ashton scored from good work by the forwards. Booth converted right on full-time. Easts 26, Wests 8 **(The Sun 25th June 1955)**

**Notes:** Wests fielded a hugely reshuffled team. Bede Goff was in for Hec Farrell, Don Collier and Keith Deacon in the centres, Bob Tucker in for Keith Holman and Noel Trevena a very late replacement for the injured John Brest. In a very ragged game the Norths forwards got on top and ran all over Wests in the second half. Bill Carson and Ron Watson toiled fearlessly but the continuing injuries meant that Wests kept having to field second-rate teams.