



# 1959 Round 11 Saturday 30th May Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 24

def.

## Parramatta 2

Darcy RUSSELL  
 Bernie KELLY  
 Dick POOLE (c)  
 Don MALONE  
 Fred GRABER  
 Bill BROWN  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Kel O'SHEA  
 Jack BOWMAN  
 Bill CARSON  
 Mark PATCH  
 Bede GOFF  
 George DOWNIE

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

Doug MOORE  
 George BYRNES  
 Ken STUBBS  
 Fred MOORE  
 John HICKEY  
 Col ALTERATOR  
 Rob GAIR  
 John GILL  
 Matt JOHNSTON  
 Noel CORNWALL  
 Roy FISHER (c)  
 Bill RAYNER  
 Lindsay ARMOUR

### Tries

Kel O'SHEA (2)  
 Bede GOFF  
 Bernie KELLY  
 Don MALONE  
 Darcy RUSSELL

### Goals

Darcy RUSSELL (3)

Ken STUBBS (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: B Kelly, R Poole (c), D Malone, F Graber; five-eighth: W Brown; half: K Holman; forwards: K O'Shea, J Bowman, W Carson, M Patch, B Goff, G Downie

**Parramatta:** Full-back: D Moore; three-quarters: J Hickey, G Byrnes, K Stubbs, F Moore; five-eighth: C Alterator; half: R Gair; forwards: J Gill, M Johnston, N Cornwall, R Fisher (c), W Rayner, L Armour **Referee: K Parkinson (The Sun 30th May 1959)**

A return to form of Test forward Kel O'Shea marked Western Suburbs Rugby League team's convincing defeat of Parramatta yesterday. Wests won 24-2 at Pratten Park. O'Shea's eagerness was evident from the start of the match, and he impressed in both attack and defence. O'Shea was rewarded with two tries and on another occasion ran 50 yards only to be knocked over on the corner post. He was well supported by second-rower Buddy Bowman. Half Keith Holman was another to show improved form. One of the best players on the field was Parramatta half Rob Gair. Gair is improving with every match and shows out with some elusive running. Parramatta backs again failed to show any penetration, although they tackled well. Front-rower Roy Fisher gave a spirited forward display. Parramatta's forwards, led by Fisher and Cornwall, had the best of the rucks. Parramatta started brightly, but Wests were soon on the attack when Holman and Russell used the strong following wind, with astute kicking, to gain ground. Bowman went through strongly from a ruck and reversed to hooker Goff, who opened the scoring. Holman ran wide on the blind side and reversed to winger Kelly, who came through fast to score. Wests led 8-0 at half-time. After Gair had gained ground Stubbs kicked a penalty goal, Parramatta's only score. The Wests' pack showed more fire in the second half. This enabled the backs to give a better display, and tries by Russell, Malone and O'Shea resulted. **(The Sunday Telegraph 31st May 1959)**

Western Suburbs played with precision for a meritorious 24-2 win over Parramatta at Pratten Park. Without Harry Wells and Nev Charlton, who were in Brisbane with the State team, Wests led 8-0 at half-time. Parramatta stood up well to the strong attack early. Bob Gair and Bill Rayner played exceptionally well for Parramatta, but their work was to no avail. The return of Dick Poole and Keith Holman to Western Suburbs, after injuries, was welcome. Holman played very well, though fairly slow at times. Poole took some time to settle down, but made some good runs. Western Suburbs lock, Kel O'Shea, was the player of the match. Always on the attack, he spurred the team to score the tries in the second half. He made some excellent runs with good support. Although the wind was against him in the second half, Darcy Russell gave a disappointing display of goal-kicking. Towards the end, Parramatta was tiring and Wests, with Holman and O'Shea working neatly, had no trouble to run up a quick score. **(The Sun-Herald 31st May 1959)**

**Notes:** Darcy Henry was still injured and was replaced by Fred Graber. Harry Wells and Nev Charlton were away playing with NSW as well, so this was a strong win. Kel O'Shea was back to his absolute best, particularly in the second half, and his combination with Keith Holman allowed the backs to take control. Malone, Russell and Kelly all scored good tries as the result of backline movements.