



1958 Round 13 Saturday 12th July Belmore Oval



Western Suburbs 14

def.

Canterbury-Bankstown 12



Darcy RUSSELL (c)
John THOMPSON
Don MALONE
Peter DIMOND
Darcy HENRY
Colin WELLS
Keith HOLMAN
Doug JONES
Kel O'SHEA
Jack BOWMAN
Nev CHARLTON
Bede GOFF
Bill CARSON

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

Bill PETLEY
Ken PEET
Clive GARTNER
Johnny RUSSELL
Eric GILLIGAN
Ray GARTNER (c)
Ron THORNTON
Nick EVANS
Kev BROWN
Bill OWENS
Alan HOCKLEY
Fred ANDERSON
Bob AMBROSE

Tries Darcy HENRY
Keith HOLMAN

Ray GARTNER
John RUSSELL

Goals Darcy RUSSELL (4)

Bill PETLEY (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell (c); three-quarters: J Thompson, D Malone, P Dimond, D Henry' five-eighth: C Wells; half: K Holman; forwards: D Jones, K O'Shea, J Bowman, N Charlton, B Goff, W Carson
Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: W Petley; three-quarters: K Peet, C Gartner, J Russell, E Gilligan; five-eighth: R Gartner (c); half: R Thornton; forwards: N Evans, K Brown, W Owens, A Hockley, F Anderson, B Ambrose **Referee: C Pearce (The Sun 12th July 1958)**

A second half switch of Darcy Henry to five-eighth yesterday helped Western Suburbs defeat Canterbury. Wests staged a second half rally to win 14-12 at Belmore Oval. Coach Vic Hey switched Henry from wing to five-eighth at half-time to bolster Wests' attack. Wests had given a shocking first half display and trailed 4-8 at the interval. In the first half Wests usually rugged forwards played loosely. They allowed elusive Canterbury five-eighth Ray Gartner too much latitude. Gartner scored a magnificent first-half try following an intercept near half-way. He also played a major role in centre John Russell's try 16 minutes after the start. Several lost opportunities and indifferent goal-kicking possibly cost Canterbury a commanding half-time advantage. Henry, at home at five-eighth, and Test half-back Keith Holman inspired Wests' comeback. Henry scored the match-winning try after a 40 yard run in which he doubled back behind his own forwards. Henry's well-concealed change of pace beat the Canterbury cover defence. **(Sunday Telegraph 13th July 1958)**

Western Suburbs down eight points to four at half-time, were severely shaken by Canterbury at Belmore yesterday and just managed at the end of the game to get up and win by 14 points to 12. With the exception of the first ten minutes of play when two goals from Darcy Russell had Wests in front, Canterbury held the initiative and the lead. In fact they might be regarded as a bit unlucky to lose. Had full-back Petley been in better kicking form, the Berries certainly would have had a commanding lead at the interval. A switch by Wests' coach Vic Hey of Henry to five-eighth and Colin Wells to the wing on the resumption infused some much needed life and thrust into the attack. Then with Keith Holman spearheading every movement, Wests looked a different side. Canterbury pack, led by severe tackling Nick Evans, were a superior force on the day. Hooker Goff, in winning the second-half scrum 12-5 for Wests, contributed largely to his team's rehabilitation. It was a grand solo effort by Henry, followed by a mighty conversion goal from Russell, which actually won the day for Wests. But it was Holman's brilliant individual try earlier which really started his team in their winning effort. ... **(Truth 13th July 1958)**

A solo try by Darcy Henry 10 minutes from full-time gave Western Suburbs a win, 14-12, over the lowly Canterbury side at Belmore Oval yesterday. Petley's failure with two penalty kicks from handy positions in the last few minutes cost Canterbury at least a draw. Each team scored two tries. Canterbury, which had won its previous three matches, led 8-4 at half-time. A two-to-one advantage in the scrums in the second-half, and Keith Holman's vigour turned the match in Wests' favour. Kel O'Shea had a very quiet day and, on occasions when he did make openings, he was inclined to hang on too long. Dimond tackled vigorously as centre, but did not penetrate to any extent. Canterbury five-eighth, Ray Gartner, never let up, and he was the brains behind the Canterbury attacks. Wests' handling and tackling were shocking in the early stages. The attendance was 7,049. **(The Sun-Herald 13th July 1958)**

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Notes: Darcy Henry was originally selected on the wing but came into five-eighth after half-time and provided the spark to overcome a 4-8 half-time deficit. Back with his Test mate Keith Holman, Henry scored the 40-yard match-winning try. In the end, it was Holman's brilliant solo try and Russell's sideline conversion of Henry's try which was the difference.