



1960 Round 14 Sunday 10th July Sports Ground



Western Suburbs 28

def.

Manly-Warringah 5



Darcy RUSSELL
 Dave BARSLEY
 Harry WELLS
 Dick POOLE (c)
 Peter DIMOND
 Roger BUTTENSCHAW
 Keith HOLMAN
 Bill TONKIN
 Garry RUSSELL
 Bill CARSON
 Denis MEANEY
 Bede GOFF
 Nev CHARLTON

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

Ron WILLEY (c)
 Brian ALLSOP
 Terry McGOVERN
 Bill LLOYD
 George HUGO
 Barry O'CONNELL
 Peter BURKE
 Barney McEVOY
 Bernie SEYMOUR
 Doug DALEY
 Rex MOSSOP
 George LENON
 Peter DIVERSI

Tries Peter DIMOND (3)
 Dave BARSLEY (2)
 Bede GOFF

Peter BURKE

Goals Darcy RUSSELL (5)

Ron WILLEY (1)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Willey (c); three-quarters: B Allsop, W Lloyd, T McGovern, G Hugo; five-eighth: B O'Connell; half; P Burke; forwards: B McEvoy, B Seymour, D Daley, R Mossop, G Lenon, P Diversi

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: D Barsley, H Wells, R Poole (c), P Dimond; five-eighth: R Buttenschaw; half: K Holman; forwards; W Tonkin, W Carson, K O'Shea, D Meaney, B Goff, N Charlton **Referee: C Pearce (as per program Rugby League News 9-10th July 1960 + team validation Sun 9th July 1960)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday played their best football of the season to thrash highly-placed Manly 28-5 at the Sports Ground. For the first time this season, Wests produced cohesive team football in marked contrast to their previous style of individual play. Wests now have an excellent chance of making the semi-finals. ... Wests had the match won yesterday in the first nine minutes of play, when crashing winger Peter Dimond crossed for two excellent tries. They then led 10-0 and increased their lead to 17-0 at half-time. Three minutes after the resumption, Dimond went in for his third try and Wests had an unbeatable 20-0 lead. It was good to see Wests producing team football yesterday. Wests are a star-studded side, but too often efforts have been individual, with little thought of team work. The fact that five of the team's six tries were scored by the wingers – three by Dimond and two by Dave Barsley – is an indication Wests played near copy-book football. Manly played nothing like a team running equal second in the competition. They won the major share of the ball – 19-13 from the scrums and 14-8 from the penalties – but could do nothing with it. Consistent prop-forward Rex Mossop was the only man to play well for the full game. ... Wests' winger Peter Dimond had an excellent match. The first try he scored came off a shocking mistake by Manly centre Terry McGovern. Four minutes later Dimond made another strong run down the wing and took full-back Ron Willey over the line with him to give Wests a demoralising 10-0 lead. From then, Manly were never a danger. **(Sydney Morning Herald 11th July 1960)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday flashed into grand final calculations with a devastating 28-5 win over Manly at Sydney Sports Ground. This is the first time star-studded West has struck top form this season. Wests victory: *Knocked Manly from joint-leadership of the competition and left St George two points in front. *Ruined Manly's hopes of winning the £300 minor premiership prizemoney *Enabled Wests to displace Manly at the top of the club championship *Complicated the battle for places in the semi-finals..... St George looks certain to qualify. Wests, on yesterday's form, is the best bet of the other five teams to play St George in the Grand Final. Although Wests' huge win was unexpected, it has too many good players to remain in the doldrums. Yesterday's teamwork displaced individualism, and Wests' football became a pleasure to watch. New lock Billy Tonkin played a part. For the first time this season half-back Keith Holman had a lock able to protect him. Wests broke up Manly early with tough, power football. It had 10 points on the board in the first nine minutes, and maintained a pressure which prevented Manly from recovering. Wests had the match won at half-time when it led 17-0. Wingers scored five of Wests' six tries – proof of good teamwork. Former Test star Peter Dimond got three tries, and young left-winger Dave Barsley two. Dimond scored the two early tries which rattled Manly. Young Barsley, however, was the man-of-the-match. Aside from his two tries, he showed outstanding speed and swerve in many long runs. He was dangerous every time he touched the ball. The powerful thrusts of Test centre Harry Wells caused Manly endless worry. Only Test front-rower Rex Mossop played top-class football for Manly. Manly must find a penetrating centre before it can become a premiership prospect. Reserve Grade centre B Bartlett could be the man for the job. **(Daily Telegraph 11th July 1960)**

Notes: Wests finally put it all together, displaying excellent teamwork to score six good tries, wingers Barsley and Dimond scoring five of them. Dave Barsley, who had been playing quite well, blossomed in this match and was clearly the best player on the field. Harry Wells also returned from injury and was immediately dangerous.