



1958 Round 14 Sunday 20th July North Sydney Oval



Western Suburbs 17

def.

North Sydney 16

Darcy RUSSELL (c)
 Fred GRABER
 Don MALONE
 Bernie KELLY
 Peter DIMOND
 Darcy HENRY
 Keith HOLMAN
 Doug JONES
 Bill CARSON
 Brian SHANNON
 Mark PATCH
 Bede GOFF
 Nev CHARLTON

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

John JONES
 Clive STEPHENS
 David HOLMAN
 Paul CUNEO
 Brian CARLSON
 Bob HONEYSETT (c)
 John KELL
 Barney MCEVOY
 Bernie CUNEO
 BILL SANDSTROM
 Don EVENDEN
 Norm STRONG
 Jack BLINKHORN

Tries

Peter DIMOND
 Darcy HENRY
 Fred GRABER

Paul CUNEO
 BILL SANDSTROM

Goals

Darcy RUSSELL (4)

Brian CARLSON (5)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell (c); three-quarters: F Graber, D Malone, B Kelly, P Dimond; five-eighth: D Henry; half: K Holman; forwards: D Jones, J Dawson, B Shannon, N Charlton, B Goff, W Carson

North Sydney: Full-back: J Jones; three-quarters: B Carlson, D Holman, P Cuneo, C Stephens; five-eighth: B Honeysett (c), half: J Kell; forwards: B McEvoy, W Sandstrom, B Cuneo, D Evenden, N Strong, J Blinkhorn **Referee: C Pearce (as per program Rugby League News 20th July 1958 + changes as per newspapers Sydney Morning Herald 21st July and Daily telegraph 21st July 1958)**

Wests, leading 17-2 at half-time, had to stave off a determined second-half effort by North Sydney to gain its one-point win. A few minutes from full-time, North Sydney right-winger Brian Carlson made a great attempt to win the match when he took a penalty kick from about 55 yards out, but the ball just went outside the uprights. Norths' officials claimed after the match that two of Wests' tries should have been disallowed. They said the first try, scored by Peter Dimond, should have been ruled "forward pass", and that Darcy Henry did not ground the ball over the line when he was awarded a try. From the stand, it appeared that the pass from Don Malone to Dimond was forward. This try came in the first 10 minutes, and when converted, Wests led 7-0. Just on half-time, Wests' half Keith Holman made a sharp run, short-kicked, regained the ball, and as he was tackled threw it back over his head, where Henry caught it and shot through over the goal-line. Trying to put the ball down under the posts, he was grabbed by North Sydney lock Barney McEvoy and pulled along. He put the ball down, but Norths' players claimed it was grounded a foot inside the field of play. Despite these decisions, Wests, with Kel O'Shea, Harry Wells, Buddy Bowman, and Jack Thompson out of the side, deserved its win. The forwards, spearheaded by second-row forward Bill Carson and prop-forward Nev Charlton, laid the foundation for the win. They moved well from the rucks, linked up well with their backs, and when called upon in the second-half to stem the North Sydney attack did a vast amount of tackling. Running with the breeze in the second half, Norths always looked dangerous when it had the ball, and West did well to keep Norths to two tries in this half. Carlson kept Norths well in the match by kicking four goals from five attempts in this half, and finished the match with five goals from nine attempts. **(Sydney Morning Herald 21st July 1958)**

Rugby League Test half-back Keith Holman yesterday was near collapse after he had spearheaded Western Suburbs to a thrilling 17-16 win over North Sydney at North Sydney Oval. A doctor attended Holman in the dressing-room and ordered him to bed for 24 hours. Holman was the outstanding player in the Australia v England Third Test on Saturday as well as in yesterday's match. He took a gruelling in both matches. The doctor who attended him after yesterday's match said "Holman is suffering from sheer exhaustion. He will come up all right again in three or four days if he has 24 hours' complete rest." Wests put up a remarkable performance to win without Test players Harry Wells and Kel O'Shea. It was also without winger John Thompson and second-rower Buddy Bowman. Wests, running with the wind, scored all its points in the first half, and led 17-2 at half-time. It then had to withstand a dramatic Norths' rally in the second half. Wests was lucky to win. North disputed tries which centre Peter Dimond and five-eighth Darcy Henry scored for Wests. Dimond's try was a shocking decision from referee Col Pearce. Dimond was at least a yard offside when he took the ball in a passing rush. Hundreds of spectators near me, in line with the pass, hooted Pearce. ... **(Daily Telegraph 21st July 1958)**

Notes: Kel O'Shea and Harry Wells didn't back up from the Test on the previous day but Keith Holman and Peter Dimond did play. John Thompson and Buddy Bowman were also late withdrawals. Keith Holman played himself to a standstill and was ordered to bed for three days suffering exhaustion. Both Wests' tries by Henry and Dimond were disputed and Wests, up 17-2 at half-time, hung on grimly in the last ten minutes and looked lucky to win.