



1960 Round 15 Sunday 17th July North Sydney Oval



Western Suburbs 23

def.

North Sydney 21



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

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

Brian CARLSON
 Mick MAHER
 David HOLMAN
 Paul CUNEO
 Horrie TOOLE
 Ken ODGERS
 Ray LOVE
 Greg HAWICK (c)
 George HUNTER
 John BROWN
 Harold BLINKHORN
 John O'BRIEN
 Ed MAY

Tries

Dave BARSLEY
 Peter DIMOND
 Dick POOLE

Brian CARLSON
 Greg HAWICK
 Ray LOVE
 Mick MAHER
 Horrie TOOLE

Goals

Darcy RUSSELL (7)

Brian CARLSON (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: D Barsley, W Brown, R Poole (c), P Dimond; five-eighth: R Buttenshaw; half; K Holman; forwards: W Tonkin, J Conna, G Russell, D Meaney, B Goff, N Charlton

North Sydney: Full-back: B Carlson; three-quarters: M Maher, P Cuneo, D Holman, H Toole; five-eighth: K Odgers; half: R Love; forwards: G Hawick (c), G Hunter, J Brown, H Blinkhorn, J O'Brien, E May **Referee: C Brown (as per program Rugby League News 16-17th July 1960 + changes Sunday Telegraph 17th July 1960)**

Western Suburbs, with a 23-21 win over North Sydney at North Sydney Oval yesterday, took a step closer to qualifying for the Rugby League semi-finals. This was a nerve-tingling match in which Wests were down 2-13, but at half-time, they had improved to 9-13. In the second half the teams were 13-all, 18-all and 21-all. Three minutes from the end, when Wests were attacking desperately, Norths' hooker John O'Brien blatantly infringed in a ruck, and referee Cliff Brown awarded a penalty. Darcy Russell took the ball back beyond the 25-yard line, and, from an angle, kicked a beautiful winning goal – his seventh from 10 attempts. ... Norths yesterday scored five tries to Wests' three and would have won had goal-kicker Brian Carlson not had such a wretched day – he failed with seven out of ten attempts. Wests suffered a severe blow after eight minutes of the second half when star hooker Bede Goff received a kick on the knee. Goff was assisted from the field. After a few minutes treatment he painfully limped back. He continued as hooker, though he could not strike for the ball. Goff filled the "dummy" half position behind rucks and ensured the presence of a lock forward. Until injured, Goff had led 4-1 in the second half; thereafter, Norths won the scrums 10-1. With the ball coming from the scrums, full-back Carlson was able to position himself for attack. Wests' pack, led by Charlton and Meaney, tightened the forward play and the backs hit back in stirring rallies. They were 18-all with seven minutes left. Then Wests scored a glorious try. Young left-winger Dave Barsley made a great run across field – second-rower Blinkhorn missed a tackle. Barsley then beat several defenders and swept the ball to centre Billy Brown. Brown, who had a grand game, made a dash and sent right-winger Peter Dimond on for a try. Russell missed the goal form wide out. Amid wild excitement, Carlson shrewdly placed a penalty across the goal-mouth, and left-winger Mick Maher (substitute for Ken Irvine) scored. But from half-way to the wing Carlson badly missed the goal. They were 21-all. Dick Poole was nearly in for Wests; then came Russell's winning penalty goal. Norths had played some grand football in the first half. Half-back Ray Love had sent lock Greg Hawick in for a try, and later Norths scored two beautiful tries with five minutes between them. Carlson joined in a sustained rush and right winger Horrie Toole crossed. It was gratifying for Wests to see young players Brown, Barsley, Buttenshaw, Conna and Gary Russell doing so well. Half-back Keith Holman took time to settle down on the first half. Later, he set a grand example of determination in tackling and breaking through. Dick Poole played nicely at centre and had considerable influence on the team. Darcy Russell had a fine game – what great value he has been to Wests! Former Test winger Ian Moir, who had been chosen for Wests' thirds, moved up to the reserve grade when Brown replaced Harry Wells in the firsts. **(Sydney Morning Herald 18th July 1960)**

Notes: Bede Goff was injured after 10 minutes so Wests struggled for most of the match, until the backs produced a withering finish in the last 20 minutes to win a very exciting game. Darcy Russell kicked the winning goal very late in the match. Bill Brown, who replaced the injured Wells, played an excellent game, as did John Conna who came in for the injured Bill Carson. Wests were now in the thick of the semi-final race.