



1952 Round 15 Saturday 2nd August Cumberland Oval



Western Suburbs 19

def.

Parramatta 15



George BAIN
 Bill CALLINAN
 Col RATCLIFF
 Jack FITZGERALD
 Fred MULLEN
 Gerry LOWE
 Keith CULLEN
 Peter McLEAN (c)
 Ron WATSON
 Don SCHOFIELD
 Bill HORDER
 Bede GOFF
 Kevin HANSEN

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

Bob JONES
 Ted EVANS
 Neil GIBSON
 Ian JOHNSTONE (c)
 Mitchell WALLACE
 John ROSS
 Lance THOMPSON
 Russell CROGER
 Bruce MANN
 Alan CAMERON
 Colin CURRY
 Phil McCARROLL
 Bob HOBBS

Tries Fred MULLEN
 Bill CALLINAN
 Col RATCLIFF

Bob HOBBS
 Neil GIBSON
 Mitchell WALLACE

Goals George BAIN (5)

Ian JOHNSTONE (3)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: R Jones; three-quarters: M Wallace, I Johnston (c), N Gibson, E Evans; five-eighth: J Ross; half: L Thompson; forwards: R Croger, B Mann, A Cameron, C Curry, P McCarroll, R Hobbs

Western Suburbs: Full-back: G Bain; three-quarters: W Callinan, C Ratcliffe, J Fitzgerald, F Mullens; five-eighth: G Lowe; half: K Cullen; forwards: P McLean (c), D Schofield, R Watson, K Hansen, B Goff, W Horder **Referee: C Pearce (Rugby League News 23rd August 1952)**

Western Suburbs beat Parramatta 19-15 yesterday in a wild League game at Parramatta. Tempers became frayed, cautions were frequent, and late in the second half Mann was knocked cold by a Wests forward long after he had got rid of the ball. The scores see-sawed to the final bell. Just on full-time, Ross was taken to the sideline with a leg injury and Parramatta finished with 12 men. **(The Sun 3rd August 1952)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League secretary, Mr. Lou Moses, last night reported a player to the New South Wales League. The player is Neville Spence, of Parramatta reserve-grade team. Mr. Moses alleged Spence had assaulted him yesterday afternoon at Parramatta Oval after Spence had been sent off the field. Spence is a former Western Suburbs player. Last night Mr. Moses had two stiches put in a cut over an eye. Mr. Moses said he had been punched while standing in a passageway leading to the dressing-room. Following the alleged assault of Mr. Moses, several factions of barrackers fought. In yesterday's first-grade match Western Suburbs full-back George Bain reached 100 points for the season. Western Suburbs won 19-15 after having led 7-5 at half-time. Each team scored three tries. Bain's goal-kicking decided the issue. Bain's five goals completed his 50 goals for the season, second only to Ron Rowles, of Manly-Warringah. Bain has now scored two tries and 50 goals, a total of 106 points. **(The Daily Telegraph 3rd August 1952)**

Trailing 14-15 with 10 minutes to go Western Suburbs League team came with a sparkling finish to beat Parramatta 19-15 at Parramatta yesterday. Wests' forwards dominated, but it was not until the closing stages that the lighter Parramatta pack wilted. Parramatta forwards Mann, Curry and Cameron, were tigerish. Custodians Jones (Parramatta) and Bain (Wests) each played soundly, Bain landing five goals from 11 attempts. Wests' experiment with second-row forward Cullen at halfback was a failure. Parramatta were unlucky to lose five-eighth Ross with an injured leg and only 10 minutes to go. Star of the game was diminutive Parramatta half, Lance Thompson, who cut holes in Wests' defence with many accurate snap kicks from the scrum. Tempers became frayed late in the game. Hansen and Horder were cautioned. Best for Western Suburbs were Hansen, McLean, Mullins and Ratcliffe. For Parramatta, Thompson, Gibson and Mann starred. **(Truth 3rd August 1952)**

Notes: The Round 15 match was supposed to be Wests playing Manly at the SCG on July 23rd but all grade matches were postponed and would now be played as Round 18 on August 23rd. There was a big team reshuffle, with Fitzgerald back in the centres and Gerry Lowe to five-eighth and Keith Cullen to half. In a very wild, tough game, where there were numerous punches and cautions, Wests were able to prevail in a tight match. A sensation after the game was Lou Moses reporting that an ex-Wests player, Neville Spence, punched him after being sent off in the Reserve Grade game. Who said what to whom?