



# 1955 Round 15 Sunday 30th July Pratten Park



## Parramatta 32

Johnny SLADE (c)  
Clive LEMON  
Peter THOMPSON  
Ivan DICKSON  
Barry DAVIS  
Brian JONES  
Don TOSH  
Mick CROCKER  
Darcy WILLIAMS  
Bruce MANN  
Roy FISHER  
R GARRARD  
Alan CAMERON

## def.

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

## Western Suburbs 12

John BREST  
Kevin THOMPSON  
Bill BROWN  
Bill BAILEY  
John THOMPSON  
Don GRAHAM  
Noel TREVENA  
Nev CHARLTON (c)  
Bill CARSON  
Monty PORTER  
John HARRISON  
Bede GOFF  
Ron WATSON



### Tries

Darcy WILLIAMS  
Johnny SLADE  
Bruce MANN  
Clive LEMON  
Barry DAVIS  
Alan CAMERON

Bill BROWN  
Nev CHARLTON

### Goals

Brian JONES (7)

Noel TREVENA (2)  
John BREST (1)

### Match Description

**Parramatta:** Full-back: J Slade (c); three-quarters: C Lemon, P Thompson, I Dickson, B Davis; five-eighth: B Jones; half: D Tosh; forwards: H Crocker, M D Williams, B Mann, R Fisher, R Garrard, A Cameron

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Brest; three-quarters: K Thompson, W Brown, W Bailey, J Thompson; five-eighth: D Graham; half: N Trevena; forwards: N Charlton, W Carson, M Porter, J Harrison, B Goff, R Watson **Referee: C Pearce (The Daily Mirror 30th July 1955)**

A sustained second-half rally gave Parramatta a convincing win against Western Suburbs at Pratten Park yesterday. Parramatta won 32-12 after having led 8-5 at half-time. Although running against a very strong wind, Parramatta added 24 points in the second half. Parramatta forwards, led by Bruce Mann and Darcy Williams, paved the way for the win. They continually linked up with their backs, and figured in most of the try-winning movements. Full-back John Slade gave an outstanding display for Parramatta. He repeatedly joined backline movements, and scored a try late in the game. International lock, Mick Crocker, although subdued early, shone in the second half with long thrusting runs. Crocker was moved to five-eighth when centre Peter Thompson injured an ankle after half-time. Although Wests completely dominated the scrums, its backline failed to penetrate. There was a marked lack of constructiveness about the play of the inside backs. They continually ran across the ground, and then cramped their supports. **(Sunday Telegraph 31st July 1955)**

The Magpies might be headaches to other League sides, but Parramatta had no need to yell for aspirins at Pratten Park yesterday in an easy 32-12 win. Wests were favoured in the final half by a mild gale, and urged on by coach Keith Holman to make full use of this advantage they persisted in playing the game 'close' and in the final stages didn't look a team. Several lost their numbers and this was bright spot – considering the comedy of errors. .... The losers were best served by W Bailey, who stood out, especially in attack. The remaining backs were a very disorganised lot and perhaps the absence of Keith Holman was a valid reason, however. There appeared to be no planned action, backs or forwards. N Charlton tried hard and W Carson and M Porter were impressive at times, but purely individual. J Brest, full-back, was injured prior to the interval and was of little use later. **(Truth 31st July 1955)**

The forwards played a major part in Parramatta's 32-12 win over Western Suburbs in the Rugby League match at Pratten Park yesterday. The first half was even, Wests' centre, W Brown, crossing for the only try scored. But soon after half-time Parramatta's forwards Mann, Cameron and Williams scored tries in quick succession..... Wests generally gave a poor display. Hooker Bede Goff gave his team a plentiful supply of the ball from the scrums; but the backs lacked penetration. Nev Charlton was easily the best of the Wests' forwards. He was continually probing the defence and he stopped many dangerous movements by sound tackling. **(Sun Herald 31st July 1955)**

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**Notes:** This was another second half capitulation. Down 8-5 at half-time Parramatta ran right over the top of them, despite the scrum domination of Bede Goff, yet again. Without Holman, the backs lacked cohesion and thrust. John Brest was injured early and a 'passenger' for the rest of the match. Nev Charlton tried hard, as usual.