



1954 Round 15 Saturday 31st July Belmore Oval



Western Suburbs 28

def.

Canterbury-Bankstown 14



George BAIN
Ernie CHURCH
Jack FITZGERALD
Joe LESLIE
Barry OWEN
Dev DINES
Keith HOLMAN (c)
Keith LENNARD
Nev CHARLTON
Bill CARSON
John HARRISON
Bill OWENS
Doug SMITH

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

Brian WHITMORE
Peter CONSIDINE
Allan SCHWEBEL
Bill MILLER
Wally BROWN
Ray GARTNER
Leo TREVENA (c)
Nick EVANS
Barry NELSON
Jack BRADLEY
Ken CHARLTON
Fred ANDERSON
Kev O'CALLAGHAN

Tries Ernie CHURCH (2)
Dev DINES
Keith LENNARD

Allan SCHWEBEL
Leo TREVENA

Goals George BAIN (8)

Jack BRADLEY (3)
Leo TREVENA (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: G Bain; three-quarters: B Owen, J Fitzgerald, J Leslie, E Church; five-eighth: D Dines; half: K Holman (c); forwards: K Lennard, N Charlton, W Carson, J Harrison, W Owens, D Smith

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: B Whitmore; three-quarters: W Brown, A Schwebel, W Miller, P Considine; five-eighth: R Gartner; half: L Trevena (c); forwards: N Evans, J Bradley, B Nelson, K Charlton, F Anderson, K O'Callaghan **Referee: C Brown (The Daily Mirror 31st July 1954)**

Western Suburbs scored a point a minute in the last 22 minutes of its match against Canterbury-Bankstown at Belmore Oval yesterday. This scoring orgy turned a 6-9 deficit into a 28-14 victory. At half-time Canterbury-Bankstown led 7-4. A half-time reshuffle of the Western Suburbs pack by the captain, Keith Holman, enabled Wests to score four tries. Holman changed Ken Lennard from lock to second-row, and brought Nev Charlton from that position to lock. During the first half Canterbury-Bankstown hooker Fred Anderson won the set scrums, 19-9. Western Suburbs' reshuffled pack won the scrums, 10-8. The extra share of the ball enabled the brilliant half-back Holman to exploit his backline. Winger, Ern Church, playing only his third first-grade match, was sent in for two tries. Lennard and Des Dines also scored tries for Western Suburbs. Full-back George Bain kicked eight goals from 10 attempts. Near the end of the match Arthur Schwebel, Canterbury-Bankstown's outside-centre, scored a brilliant try. Captain L. Trevena scored a try which he converted and J. Bradley kicked three goals. **(The Daily Telegraph 1st August 1954)**

Trailing most of the game, Wests came with a grandstand finish to score 22 points in 15 minutes and outclass Canterbury-Bankstown by 28 to 14 at Belmore with both teams playing poor football; the 3000 cash customers were almost bored stiff at the close. Players were even incorrectly numbered. Wests' Custodian, George Bain, who had a field day with his eight goals, was the outstanding player. Other backs to show out for Wests were D. Dines, and E. Church. Church crossed for a brace of dashing tries. Keith Holman shone only in patches. He appeared to be coasting throughout, although his tackling was a feature. It was difficult to differentiate in the 'Pigs', but K. Lennard and N. Charlton played well in spasms. For the locals, R. Trevena and R. Carter were the most conspicuous backs. Of a lethargic and unskilful pack of forwards, K. Charlton, N. Evans and J. Bradley were the most outstanding. **(Truth 1st August 1954)**

Nev Charlton earned the "Herald" Award last Saturday. His display was his best of the season.....Don Graham is the latest in our army of casualties. An injured clavicle will keep him out for the rest of the season. Don has benefited by his grade experience. He'll be a star in 1955. **(Rugby League News 31st July 1954)**

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Notes: Hec Farrell had been suspended from the previous week but was appealing the decision. Joe Leslie made his debut and Keith Lennard came in again to replace the suspended Max Caldwell. With 20 minutes to go Wests were down 9-6 and struggling after a very ordinary 60 minutes. Courtesy of more ball coming from the scrums from hooker, Billy Owens, Keith Holman took control and Wests poured on 22 points in 20 minutes. Keith Lennard and Nev Charlton were very strong in the forwards in this period and Ern Church, in his third First Grade game, scored two excellent tries.