



1959 Round 17 Saturday 11th July Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 38

def.

Eastern Suburbs 10



Darcy RUSSELL (c)
 Ian MOIR
 Harry WELLS
 Darcy HENRY
 Peter DIMOND
 Roger BUTTENSCHAW
 Keith HOLMAN
 Bill CARSON
 John CONNA
 Jack BOWMAN
 Nev CHARLTON
 Bede GOFF
 Mark PATCH

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

Barry O'CONNELL
 Ray BEAVAN
 Bob LANDERS
 Bill RONEY
 Brian ALLSOP
 Bill MCNAMARA (c)
 Bruce RAINIER
 Dick SEE
 Bob McDONAGH
 Jack GIBSON
 Ken DAWSON
 Ken ASHCROFT
 Ron POTTER

Tries

Harry WELLS
 Ian MOIR
 Nev CHARLTON
 Mark PATCH
 Bede GOFF
 Bill CARSON

Bob LANDERS
 Bill RONEY

Goals

Darcy RUSSELL (10)

Brian ALLSOP (2)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: B O'Donnell; three-quarters: B Allsop, W Roney, R Landers, R Beavan; five-eighth: W McNamara; half: B Rainier; forwards: R See, J Gibson, B McDonagh, R Potter, K Ashcroft, K Dawson

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell (c); three-quarters: I Moir, H Wells, D Henry, P Dimond; five-eighth: R Buttenschaw; half: K Holman; forwards: J Bowman, W Carson, J Conna, M Patch, B Goff, N Charlton **Referee: L Samuelson (The Sun 11th July 1959)**

Western Suburbs lock-forward K O'Shea broke down in the fitness trial this morning and was withdrawn from the team to play Eastern Suburbs at Pratten Park. Bowman was moved to the lock position and J Conna came into the team in the second row position. Eastern Suburbs team remained unchanged and about 5000 spectators were present just prior to the start of the main match. **(The Sun 11th July 1959)**

Western Suburbs yesterday gave a brilliant display of open Rugby League to overwhelm Eastern Suburbs at Pratten Park. Wests won 38-10 after having led 24-10 at half-time. Wests scored four tries to two in a spectacular first half. The tries by winger Ian Moir and centre Harry Wells were highlights. Half Keith Holman gave Moir an easy try. Running 30 yards through the defence, Holman suddenly veered to the left wing, where Moir was unmarked. A smart pass gave Moir room to use his speed and score in the corner. Wells scored with a fine individual effort. He received the ball 40 yards out, veered to the wing, then smartly straightened his run. By changing his pace, Wells fooled the defence, who expected him to pass the ball. Both Easts' tries were individual efforts. Centre Bob Landers scored the first after a run of 45 yards. The other centre, Bill Roney, scored the second try after gathering the ball at half-way. He ran around Dimond, outpaced the lock Buddy Bowman, and scored in the corner. The second half was more evenly contested. Forwards mark Patch and Bede Goff scored in the first five minutes for Wests. Wests' full-back Darcy Russell kicked 10 goals in the match from 15 attempts. He constantly made the extra man and was once pulled down inches from the line. Wests' forwards excelled in the open play, but were loose in the rucks. Front-row forward Nev Charlton scored the first try for Wests, and gave a solid display. Bowman took Kel O'Shea's position as lock. O'Shea was omitted after an injury at training troubled him yesterday morning. ... **(Sunday Telegraph 12th July 1959)**

... Hooker Goff won the scrums by a wide margin for Wests, and, with Holman playing in top form, Wests were on the attack for most of the game. Holman was as elusive as ever and frequently broke through the defence to get the backline racing goal-wards. Once he noticed that Moir was unmarked on the wing, and flung the ball over the heads of several players out to Moir, who was able to take advantage of an open road to the goal line. O'Shea had to make a late withdrawal from Wests' team, failing to pass a fitness test and Carson took over the role of lock and gave an outstanding display. His cover defence was grand. Henry was not at his best as centre, lacking penetration, while Wells often failed to tackle. But he finished full of running and on numerous occasions ran completely through the opposition untouched. Russell's tackling was also suspect but his sure boot more than offset this weakness. ... **(Sun-Herald 12th July 1959)**

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Notes: Dick Poole's leg injury forced Darcy Henry into the centres, Roger Buttenschaw into five-eighth and also John Conna coming in for the injured Kel O'Shea, who had failed a fitness test on the morning of the match. In a fast-paced match, Wests had a timely return to form. Bede Goff gave them a glut of possession and this allowed Holman to dominate. Darcy Russell had another good day with the boot, kicking ten.