



1955 Round 17 Saturday 13th August Kogarah Oval



St George 27

def.

Western Suburbs 12

Doug FLEMING
 Ross KITE
 Ken MOFFAT
 Mervyn LEES
 Kevin O'BRIEN
 Billy McNAMARA
 Robert BUGDEN
 Sid PERT
 Norm PROVAN
 Billy WILSON
 Kevin BROWN
 Ken KEARNEY (c)
 Harry MELVILLE

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

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



Tries Sid PERT (3)
 Harry MELVILLE
 Kevin O'BRIEN

Don GRAHAM
 John HARRISON

Goals Doug FLEMING (6)

Noel TREVENA (2)
 Nev CHARLTON (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Murphy; three-quarters: J Thompson, W Carson, D Graham, K Thompson; five-eighth: W Brown; half: N Trevena; forwards: N Charlton, W Owens, M Porter, R Watson, B Goff, J Harrison

St George: Full-back: D Fleming; three-quarters: R Kite, M Lees, K Moffat, K O'Brien; five-eighth: W McNamara; half: R Bugden; forwards: S Pert, N Provan, W Wilson, K Brown, K Kearney (c), H Melville **Referee: D Lawler (Daily Mirror 13th August 1955)**

Lock forward Sid Pert scored three tries in St George's 27-12 defeat of Western Suburbs yesterday. Half-time scores were 7-7. St George forward Kevin and Wests winger Jack Thompson were sent off for fighting midway in the second half. Thompson earlier had been cautioned in a clash with Test winger Ross Kite. Kite injured his hip when he tried to stop a crashing run by Thompson. After a scuffle the pair were cautioned by referee Darcy Lawler. Minutes later Brown and Thompson were ordered from the field by Lawler after Brown had attempted to stop Thompson. A doctor treated Kite for a torn muscle near the hip. St George, which meets South Sydney in next week's round may be without Brown and Kite. Highlight of the match was a great try by youthful St George winger Kevin O'Brien. O'Brien scored after being hemmed in close to the side-line by three Wests' defenders. In a 50-yard burst O'Brien scored after the half-time bell had sounded. Pert's tries came as a result of tireless backing-up. Pert combined splendidly with half-back Bob Bugden in clever variations around the scrum base. Pert's third try came after a 75-yard run. Forward Harry Melville sent Pert in unopposed after a strong run. Full-back Doug Fleming gave a great display and was the best of the St George backline. Fleming, who kicked six goals, repeatedly set his backs moving with clever runs. **(The Sunday Telegraph 14th August 1955)**

A couple of snap tries, interspersed with a few brilliant touchdowns, paved the way for St George to put paid to the account of League wooden-spooners, Wests, by 27-12 at Kogarah. Adopting harassing tactics by standing square on to their opponents and dumping 'em like nobody's business, Wests rattled St George in the first stanza to finish level 7-7 at lemons. The game was played with plenty of heat. Cautions and admonitions to players by referee Darcy Lawler and on linesmen's reports were three a penny. The local partisans, of which there were 80 per cent, heckled the ref. from go to whoa, culminating in a lot of yahooing at half and full-time. Lawler finished up giving marching orders to J Thompson of Wests and K Brown of Saints on what looked like mere suspicion of fighting. Nevertheless, the football generally was quite classy with some brilliant, cohesive movements, and much sparkling individualism. Young N Trevena at the scrum base stood out for the losers with a non-stop gallop display. W Carson and D Graham shone in patches in the backs, while N Charlton, J Harrison and B Goff were conspicuous in the vanguard for the losers. **(Truth 14th August 1955)**

..... Lawler sent Thompson and Brown off 15 minutes after half-time after there had been a lot of shoulder charging. Wests seemed to be very concerned about the St George half, R Bugden, and gave him no quarter throughout the whole game. **(Sun Herald 14th August 1955)**

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Notes: The score was 7-all at half-time but Wests had another second half blowout. Their bustling tactics seemed to work early on, but as their fitness gave out St George ran the ball effectively; lock Sid Pert scoring three good tries. Noel Trevena played his best game so far at the scrum base but John Thompson (along with St George's Kevin Brown) was sent off with 15 minutes to go.