



1952 Round 17 Saturday 16th August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 20

drew with

Canterbury-Bankstown 20



George BAIN
Bill CALLINAN
Jack FITZGERALD
Gerry LOWE
Jack DICKERSON
Ron SMITH
Leo TREVENA
Peter McLEAN (c)
Don SCHOFIELD
Ron WATSON
Bill HORDER
Bede GOFF
Kevin HANSEN

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

Jack BRADLEY
Col COOPER
Cec COOPER
Allan SCHWEBEL
Frank FLYNN
Brian BARNES
Laurie WHITE
Neville CHARLTON
Mick LETTE
Alan HOCKLEY
Cedric de BELLE
Fred ANDERSON
Ken CHARLTON (c)

Tries

George BAIN
Bill CALLINAN
Jack DICKERSON
Bill HORDER

Cec COOPER (2)
Frank FLYNN
Mick LETTE

Goals

George BAIN (4)

Nev CHARLTON (2)
Jack BRADLEY (1)
Laurie WHITE (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: G Bain; three-quarters: W Callinan, J Fitzgerald, G Lowe, J Dickerson; five-eighth: R Smith; half: L Trevena; forwards: P McLean (c), D Schofield, R Watson, K Hansen, B Goff, W Horder

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: J Bradley; three-quarters: Col Cooper, Cec Cooper, A Schwebel, F Flynn; five-eighth: B Barnes; half: L White; forwards: N Charlton, M Lette, A Hockley, K Charlton (c), F Anderson, C De Belle **Referee: C Pearce (Rugby League News 6th September 1952)**

Stop-gap kicker Nev Charlton landed a goal on full time to give Canterbury-Bankstown a 20-all draw against competition leaders Western Suburbs at Pratten Park yesterday. Yesterday's match was the first in first grade that Charlton had been asked to be goal-kicker. Wests had led 17-7 at half-time. Before Charlton took over the kicking, two others had been tried. Canterbury's usual goal-kicker, full-back F. Dunn, did not play. Canterbury was down 2-9 midway through the first half, when referee Col Pearce awarded it a penalty try. This had come after Canterbury centre Cec Cooper had kicked the ball across the try line. He was following on with his brother Col Cooper in support, when Wests' winger Jack Dickerson tackled him. Pearce cautioned Dickerson and awarded Cec Cooper a try. Two minutes later Wests went to a 12-5 lead when winger Bill Callinan scored a try. Half-way through the second half front-row forward Bill Horder scored a try, and Wests led 20-10 and seemed to have the game won. But Canterbury rallied, and Cec Cooper scored his second try, which Nev Charlton converted, to reduce the margin to five points. In the last minute of play reserve-grader Mick Lette kicked through after Wests' full-back George Bain had mishandled. Lette gathered the ball and crossed, with three defenders hanging on to him. Bain, who scored Wests' first nine points, with a try and three goals, failed badly later in kicking. In the second half he missed with six attempts within kicking range. In the whole match he landed only four goals from 13 attempts. **(The Daily Telegraph 17th August 1952)**

Nev. Charlton, Canterbury League lock forward, until yesterday had never kicked for goal in a first grade match. Yesterday Charlton cracked the jackpot. He converted a try as the bell rang to give his side a 20 points drawn game with competition leaders Western Suburbs at Pratten Park. Wests held a 17 points to 7 lead at lemons. The forwards loafed for the greater part of the second half only to see Canterbury add 13 points to their lone try by Horder. In the first half Canterbury had been awarded a penalty try, when Dickerson tackled Cec. Cooper a few feet from Wests' line. Wests' weak link was Jack Fitzgerald, who was shifted into the centre to replace the injured Col. Ratcliffe. Canterbury's draw was earned by a hard rucking set of forwards of whom Nev. Charlton and Lette were the pick. Their backs were best served by winger Cec. Cooper who was a trier all the way. Ron Watson was the pick of the West pack. **(Truth 17th August 1952)**

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Notes: Jack Dickerson made his debut and scored a good try, although his illegal tackle on Cec Cooper led to a penalty try being awarded. Jack Fitzgerald moved into the centre to replace the injured Col Ratcliff and didn't have a very good game. Nev Charlton, in his first try as a kicker, kicked the drawing goal right on full-time. George Bain had an off-day with his kicking, missing all six shots in the second half and only kicking four out of thirteen for the match. On the other hand he scored a brilliant try. Ron Watson had his strongest game so far in the forwards.