



1960 Round 17 Saturday 30th July Cricket Ground



St George 21

Brian GRAHAM
Johnny KING
Reg GASNIER
Dave BROWN
Eddie LUMSDEN
Brian CLAY
Bobby BUGDEN
John RAPER
Monty PORTER
Kevin RYAN
Kevin BROWN
Ken KEARNEY (c)
Bill WILSON

def.

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

Western Suburbs 10

Ken BRAY
Dave BARSLEY
Ian MOIR
Dick POOLE (c)
Peter DIMOND
Bill BROWN
Don MALONE
Bill TONKIN
Bill CARSON
Garry RUSSELL
Denis MEANEY
John DAWSON
Nev CHARLTON



Tries

Brian CLAY
Johnny KING
Eddie LUMSDEN
Monty PORTER
Bill WILSON

Don MALONE
Dick POOLE

Goals

Brian GRAHAM (3)

Ken BRAY (2)

Match Description

St George: Full-back: B Graham; three-quarters: J King, D Brown, R Gasnier, E Lumsden; five-eighth: B Clay; half: B Bugden; forwards: J Raper, K Ryan, M Porter, K Brown, K Kearney (c), W Wilson

Western Suburbs: Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: D Barsley, I Moir, R Poole (c), P Dimond; five-eighth: W Brown; half: D Malone; forwards: W Tonkin, W Carson, G Russell, D Meaney, J Dawson, N Charlton **Referee: C Pearce (The Sun 30th July 1960)**

Western Suburbs' patched-up Rugby League team were beaten, 21-10, by St George at SCG yesterday; but, to their great credit, they gave the competition leaders a hard match. However, the heavy casualty list that prevented five of Wests' regulars from playing yesterday, was swelled: *Young left-winger, Dave Barsley, is believed to have a depressed fracture of the cheek-bone. He was hurt midway through the first half, but played on. X-ray will determine the extent of the injury. *Substitute full-back Ken Bray, injured a stomach muscle. ... It was a high-spirited effort by Wests yesterday. ... They should have been much closer. They could have even won. ... A feature was the performance of Wests' deputy hooker, Johnny Dawson, who cut even with Ken Kearney (13-all) in the scrums. ... When, after 25 minutes, St George led 11-2, some people murmured: "It won't be a race." But Wests – without backs Darcy Russell, Harry Wells, Keith Holman and Roger Buttenshaw and hooker Bede Goff – hit back gallantly. They were down 11-5 at half-time through a try by substitute half-back Don Malone, who had a grand game. And in the closing minutes of that first lively half, with the crowd cheering on Wests' sustained rally, they had two "near misses." After a great burst, second-rower Billy Carson looked to have right-winger Peter Dimond coming up on the outside. Carson aimed to draw the St George winger infield. But Dimond cut inside and then could not hold the low flick pass Carson meant for him. ... Wests did much of the attacking early in the second half. But young second-rower Garry Russell plunged over the goal-line – and then lost the ball. Another desperate rush, and Malone shot through. Centre Dick Poole ranged up in support; Malone saw him too late and his pass went astray. Winger Dimond crossed; but was recalled for a knock-on 30 yards out. St George's first try in this half took 25 minutes. Then Poole, after a great run by five-eighth Billy Brown, was brought down short of the goal-line. Poole, swinging his arms through, was able to plant the ball down on the line for a try, and Bray's goal made the scores 18-10. Dick Poole carried heavy responsibility in Wests' backline. When Arthur Summons was playing so well in reserve grade yesterday, it seemed Wests' selectors had erred in not promoting him alongside Don Malone. Billy Brown, at five-eighth, was jolting in attack in the first half, but he shone out later. Malone, at half, was full of dash. He slipped through St George's inner defence many times. Winger, Ian Moir, playing outside-centre, strayed from position now and then early in the first half. But Moir did not have a bad game. His speed was useful in defence and he worked hard. Second-rower Billy Carson and prop Nev Charlton were consistent forwards. Second-rower Garry Russell backed up splendidly and maintained his promising form. Wests, through their reserve team's victory, still lead in the club championship – by four points from St George. **(The Sun-Herald 31st July 1960)**

Notes: Wests had a significantly patched-up team with Ken Bray in for Darcy Russell, Ian Moir for Harry Wells, Don Malone for Keith Holman and John Dawson for Bede Goff. Of the substitutes, Don Malone had an outstanding game. In the circumstances, Wests put in a great rear-guard performance against a full-strength St George. John Dawson had one of his best games, breaking even in the scrums with Test hooker Ken Kearney. Ken Bray, in for Russell, didn't kick as well as he had been doing in Reserve Grade. Johnny King, debuting for St George, displayed his great promise.