



1958 Round 17 Saturday 9th August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 20

def.

Parramatta 16

Darcy RUSSELL (c)
 John THOMPSON
 Don MALONE
 Peter DIMOND
 Bernie KELLY
 Darcy HENRY
 Keith HOLMAN
 Doug JONES
 Jack BOWMAN
 Bill CARSON
 Nev CHARLTON
 John DAWSON
 Jack MANTLE

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

John SLADE
 Colin ALTERATOR
 Ken STUBBS
 Bob HANSEN
 Ray PRESTON
 Ted TOSH
 Doug MOORE
 John PATTERSON
 Bruce MANN
 Matt JOHNSON
 Roy FISHER (c)
 Bill RAYNER
 Lindsay ARMOUR



Tries Peter DIMOND
 Keith HOLMAN

Bob HANSEN
 Ray PRESTON

Goals Darcy RUSSELL (7)

Ken STUBBS (4)
 Bob HANSEN (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell (c); three-quarters: J Thompson, D Malone, P Dimond, B Kelly; five-eighth: D Henry; half: K Holman; forwards: D Jones, J Bowman, W Carson, N Charlton, J Dawson, J Mantle

Parramatta: Full-back: J Slade; three-quarters: C Alterator, K Stubbs, B Hansen, R Preston; five-eighth: E Tosh; half: D Moore; forwards: J Patterson, B Mann, M Johnston, L Armour, W Rayner, R Fisher (c) **Referee: R O'Donnell (The Sun 9th August 1958)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday scraped home 20-16 against Parramatta at Pratten Park. Wests took the lead only in the last five minutes. Keith Holman gave Wests the lead when he scored an individual try. Even after the bell Parramatta could have won when a young spectator impeded the progress of winger Ray Preston. Preston changed direction to miss the boy and was caught with the line wide open. Parramatta played spectacular football to overshadow the home side in the first half. Parramatta led 14-11 at half-time. Wests came back strongly after the break. It tried to 'steamroll' its opposition, but was well met. The Parramatta backs functioned well. Centres Stubbs and Hanson's running was good and their tackling sound. Wests' efforts came from individuals rather than team combination. Dimond, Henry and Holman each ran determinedly. Henry in particular was elusive. The Parramatta forwards showed up well throughout the match. They outplayed their opponents early and withstood the rushes of the second-half. Hooker Bill Rayner gave a non-stop display. **(Sunday Telegraph 10th August 1958)**

Test half-back Keith Holman scored a dazzling try 10 before full-time to give Western Suburbs a 20-16 win over Parramatta at Pratten Park yesterday. The try made the scores 16-all and Darcy Russell's goal put Wests in front for the first time in the match. Parramatta counter-attacked vigorously and winger Preston claimed a child standing near the line robbed him of a try. It was sensational finish to a spirited match because earlier Darcy Henry crossed the try-line but was recalled for a breach back on West's 25. It was a hard-fought game with sporadic burst of brilliant play. Peter Dimond side-stepped his way through Parramatta defence for a grand try in the first half. But Bill Rayner dominated scrums and Parramatta held a lead of 14-11 at half-time. N Charlton (W) and Roy Fisher (P) were the best forwards on the field. Attendance was 4,711. **(Sun-Herald 10th August 1958)**

..... Wests' selectors were lucky to get away with the gamble of resting star players like Kel O'Shea, Mark Patch and Bede Goff. Coach Vic Hey and Secretary Lou Moses wore broad grins of relief when Wests clinched victory with seconds to spare. No doubt the stars were put away with the idea of bringing them up fresh for the semi-finals and in the belief Wests would beat Parramatta easily. But the trend of play scared the daylight out of the Western Suburbs team, their officials and supporters. Parramatta fought every inch of the way and went down with colours flying. Their defence was superb and their pace and eagerness to the man with the ball an object lesson. They bowled the Western Suburbs players over like ninepins to stop movement after movement. ... Wests scored two tries, neither the result of team-work, but pure individual effort. **(Truth 10th August 1958)**

Notes: Once again, Keith Holman came to the aid of Wests, scoring a lone try 10 minutes from full-time. Wests had gambled, resting Bede Goff, Mark Patch and Kel O'Shea before the semi-finals and were very relieved to get away with a close win. Parramatta were able to stifle the Wests' attack which was starved of possession, with the team not getting the share of ball that Goff usually provided.