



1960 Round 18 Saturday 6th August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 22

def.

South Sydney 7

Darcy RUSSELL
 Ian MOIR
 Harry WELLS
 Dick POOLE (c)
 Peter DIMOND
 Bill BROWN
 Keith HOLMAN
 Bill TONKIN
 Garry RUSSELL
 Bill CARSON
 Denis MEANEY
 John DAWSON
 Nev CHARLTON

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

Alan FLOCKTON
 Eric SLADDEN
 Arthur LANG
 Keith ROBERTS
 Gary DEAZEY
 Ron LOVETT
 Ken ANDERSON
 John GUDGEON
 Merv CROSS
 Jack COTTEE
 Bernie PURCELL (c)
 Brian MURRAY
 Russ ADDISON

Tries

Harry WELLS
 Bill TONKIN
 Ian MOIR
 Bill BROWN

Gary DEAZEY

Goals

Darcy RUSSELL (5)

Bernie PURCELL (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: I Moir, H Wells, R Poole (c), P Dimond; five-eighth: W Brown; half: K Holman; forwards: W Tonkin, W Carson, G Russell, D Meaney, J Dawson, N Charlton

South Sydney: Full-back: A Flockton; three-quarters: E Sladden, A Lang, K Roberts, G Deazey; five-eighth: R Lovett; half: K Anderson; forwards: J Gudgeon, M Cross, J Cottee, B Purcell (c), B Murray, R Addison **Referee: F Erickson (The Sun 6th August 1960)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team gave a brilliant display of open football in adverse conditions to easily defeat South Sydney yesterday at Pratten Park. Wests won 22-7 after leading 8-2 at half-time. In wintry conditions Western Suburbs had the better of the first half, scoring two tries while South Sydney failed to cross the line. Winger Ian Moir, who had previously played with South Sydney, scored the first try near the posts after a run of 40 yards in which he outpaced the opposition. Moir showed some of his old dash and speed in this movement. Lock forward Bill Tonkin then made an opening to give five-eighth Bill Brown an easy run to the line. Full-back Darcy Russell kicked the first goal, but Bernie Purcell quickly followed with a goal for South Sydney. Both kickers also missed three fairly easy shots at goal. At half-time Western Suburbs led South Sydney 8-2. Wests' third try came from a movement which centre Dick Poole started when he fooled the defence. He dummied the pass to winger Peter Dimond, but instead in-passed to Tonkin, who ran over the line unopposed. **(Daily Telegraph 7th August 1960)**

Bad lapses in South Sydney's defence helped materially in Western Suburbs' 22-7 Rugby League win at Pratten Park yesterday. Wests scored four tries to one, but it was not a convincing win. Indeed, Wests played poorly. Once again sound teamwork was lacking in the star-studded backline – Moir, Dimond, Wells, Poole and Holman. Almost every one hangs on to the ball far too long, and mostly went to the ground with the ball in possession. The attack was continuously jolted by bad football, and generally Wests' form was disappointing. Poole did well enough at times, but his efforts were spasmodic. Holman tackled well, but was seen only occasionally in attacking breaks. Wests' forwards seemed to lack all idea of constructive play. In the main they resorted to individual barging and much useless and unnecessary heavy work. In contrast, Souths were always bright in attack. But they failed to finish many promising movements. Young centre Kevin Roberts, playing his second game in first grade, gave a most pleasing display against his much more experienced opponents, Wells and Poole. Souths' wingers, Sladden and Deazey, both had off days, however. Cross, Gudgeon and Addison showed up well in Souths' forwards. Garry Russell was the best of Wests' forwards. Bernie Purcell, playing his last match, was carried off the field by his team mates. He has had a distinguished career as second-row forward and goal-kicker. **(The Sun-Herald 7th August 1960)**

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Notes: Played on a muddy field, Wests played dry weather open football to easily beat Souths. Some critics felt that too many players were individualistic but Wests qualified for the play-offs in a convincing display. Garry Russell continued his rise with another solid performance. Bernie Purcell, who had been a solid player for both Wests and Souths retired after the match and was carried off the field on teammates' shoulders. Wests would now have to back up on the Tuesday against Balmain to qualify for the semi-finals.