



1959 Round 2 Monday 30th March Cumberland Oval



Western Suburbs 19

def.

Parramatta 9

Darcy RUSSELL (c)
Ilan MOIR
Bill BROWN
Peter DIMOND
Bernie KELLY
Darcy HENRY
Ron SUDLOW
Jack BOWMAN
Kel O'SHEA
Bill CARSON
Mark PATCH
Bede GOFF
John TAUNTON

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

John SLADE
George BYRNES
Harry CAINES
Mick BLOOD
John HICKEY
Col ALTERATOR
Doug MOORE
John GILL
Matt JOHNSTON
Noel CORNWALL
Roy FISHER (c)
Bill RAYNER
Lindsay ARMOUR

Tries

Darcy HENRY (2)
Peter DIMOND

Johnny SLADE

Goals

Darcy RUSSELL (5)

Doug MOORE (3)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: J Slade; three-quarters: G Byrnes, H Caines, M Blood, J Hickey; five-eighth: C Alterator; half: D Moore; forwards: J Gill, M Johnston, N Cornwall, R Fisher (c), L Armour

Western Suburbs: D Russell (c); three-quarters: I Moir, W Brown, P Dimond, B Kelly; five-eighth: D Henry; half: R Sudlow; forwards: J Bowman, K O'Shea, W Carson, M Patch, B Goff, J Taunton **Referee: D Nicholson (as per program Rugby League News + changes Mirror 30th March 1959 and Daily Telegraph 30th March 1959)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team was unimpressive in its win over Parramatta at Cumberland Oval yesterday. Wests won 19-9 after holding a 5-4 lead at half-time. The Wests' backline did not function well. Wests sadly missed half-back Keith Holman, who is suffering from influenza. The ball reached winger Ian Moir only once from an organised backline movement. The forwards, with the exception of O'Shea and Patch, were ragged. They allowed the Parramatta pack to run. O'Shea paved the way for the Wests' win with hard tackling and excellent clearances from the rucks. Five-eighth Darcy Henry, centre Peter Dimond, and full-back Darcy Russell were the only Wests' backs to show any real form. Parramatta tried to open up the game at every opportunity. The Parramatta backline movements fed the wingers, G Byrnes and J Hickey, constantly. A monopoly of the scrums aided Parramatta greatly. Parramatta hooker Bill Rayner out-hooked Bede Goff 15-6. Wests were lucky to hold a 5-4 lead at half-time. The two Parramatta goal-kickers, full-back John Slade and half-back Doug Moore, landed only two goals from seven shots, all within easy kicking distance. Wests clinched the game in the first eight minutes of the second half. Peter Dimond and Darcy Henry scored tries and full-back Darcy Russell kicked three goals in the eight minutes. After this lapse Parramatta rallied to storm the Western Suburbs line till the final bell. ... **(The Daily Telegraph 31st March 1959)**

Western Suburbs played disjointed slugging football to beat Parramatta 19-9 in the Rugby League match at Cumberland Oval yesterday. Parramatta showed excellent teamwork and should have finished much closer to Wests in the scores. Many times Parramatta made breaches in the defence but the great speed of Ian Moir and other Wests' cover defenders stopped tries. Wests' players lacked cohesion and did little but barge monotonously and clung grimly to the ball. Western Suburbs were without Keith Holman, suffering from influenza, and Nev Charlton, bruised shoulder. ... Wests' backs missed Holman's drive and the display of the inside backs was discouraging. The winger Ian Moir did not handle the ball in an attacking movement throughout the game. Parramatta won the scrums 11-3 in the first half and launched waves of attack. Wests' defence, out of position, was struggling desperately. ... Despite Parramatta's attacks Wests were able to make one break in the first half when Henry scored a solo try. Parramatta had a temporary lapse after half-time when Darcy Russell moved well with the ball to send the strong-running Dimond through an opening. Slade half-stopped Dimond with his tackle, but Dimond struggled out of Slade's grasp to score near the posts. This was the turning point of the game. **(Sydney Morning Herald 31st March 1959)**

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Notes: Keith Holman was a late withdrawal from this match, still suffering with influenza, and was replaced by Ron Sudlow. In one of his rare defeats, Bede Goff lost the scrums 15-6 and the Wests' backline, also hampered by the absence of Holman, failed to function smoothly. The speed of Moir in cover defence was a feature of the game but he was not given any opportunities to show his skill in attack. Dimond's bustling try under the posts allowed Wests to finally get the upper hand in a disjointed display. John Taunton made his debut.