



1960 Round 2 Saturday 9th April Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 31

def.

Canterbury-Bankstown 20



Darcy RUSSELL
 Ian MOIR
 Joe RYAN
 Dick POOLE (c)
 Peter DIMOND
 Roger BUTTENSCHAW
 Keith HOLMAN
 Doug JONES
 Kel O'SHEA
 Bill CARSON
 Nev CHARLTON
 Bede GOFF
 George DOWNIE

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

Bill PETLEY
 Ross KITE
 Ken ROWLANDS
 Clive GARTNER
 Noel COLLIE
 Ray GARTNER
 Ron THORNTON
 Mick VAUGHAN
 Kevin COX
 Denis DOOLEY
 Brian DAVIES (c)
 Fred ANDERSON
 Barry NELSON

Tries

Bill CARSON
 Nev CHARLTON
 Peter DIMOND
 Doug JONES
 Joe RYAN

Mick VAUGHAN
 Noel COLLIE

Goals

Darcy RUSSELL (8)

Brian DAVIES (7)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: W Petley; three-quarters: N Collie, C Gartner, K Rowlands, R Kite; five-eighth: R Gartner; half: R Thornton; forwards: M Vaughan, K Cox, D Dooley, B Nelson, F Anderson, B Davies (c)

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: I Moir, R Poole (c), J Ryan, P Dimond; five-eighth: R Buttenshaw; half: K Holman; forwards: D Jones, W Carson, K O'Shea, G Downie, B Goff, N Charlton **Referee: C Pearce (The Sun 9th April 1960)**

Western Suburbs scored a 31 points to 20 win over Canterbury-Bankstown in a fast exciting Rugby League match at Pratten Park yesterday. An 11 point margin would normally indicate a fairly easy win, but the final result does not reflect the struggle Wests had. Canterbury, a much fitter side than last season, never let up, and with less than five minutes to go had the crowd roaring support as they pulled to within 23-20 of the home side. .. The keynote to Western Suburbs success yesterday was evergreen half Keith Holman. The way he maintains his superb form is astonishing. Yesterday, he opened up movements with smart dashes, switched the play splendidly, and was a veritable tower of strength. Next to Holman, the player to make the difference to Western Suburbs was lock Doug Jones. Jones scored the last try of the game with a great 60 yards run after Canterbury kicked off following Carson's try and fully deserved the round of applause given him. The puzzle in Wests' side at the moment is Ian Moir, normally a great handler but who in the two games has handled shockingly. Three times yesterday he lost possible tries by dropping passes he would be expected to hold. Darcy Russell and Brian Davies shared the kicking honours of the day, Russell landing eight goals from nine attempts and Davies seven from eight. Full-back Bill Petley, the most improved player in Canterbury's team, was grand. **(Sunday Mirror 10th April 1960)**

Western Suburbs gave a grand fine display of fast, open Rugby League to beat Canterbury-Bankstown 31-20 at Pratten Park yesterday. Wests scored five tries to Canterbury's two, but the last two tries came in the closing stages of a clean and even match. Half-backs Keith Holman and Ron Thornton were in sharp form and the game produced many passing movements. Only excellent covering by the locks and back-row forwards and outstanding centre defence stopped certain tries. ... Keith Holman, despite a loss of some of his former nip and pace, was the inspiration of Wests' attack. Holman set up try-scoring movements and saved a try with a glorious tackle of Thornton, from behind, inches short of the line. As Holman lifted his game, the whole team seemed to improve. Doug Jones at lock gave an encouraging display and finished off a fine effort with a try after a long, speedy run. Jones' inclusion in Wests' team has improved it greatly and if Wests can improve from the five-eighth position the team could be a serious challenger for premiership honours. Darcy Russell, despite one unfortunate lapse, played splendidly and helped his team's morale by kicking eight goals from none attempts. Russell's blemish was extraordinary. Promising Canterbury full-back Bill Petley, after a great save on his own goal-line, had come through the Wests' forwards and kicked low and deep. Russell collected the ball about 20 yards out, but Petley had followed on fast and in tackling Russell knocked the ball out of his hands. Collie was at hand to snap up and score. ... O'Shea excelled in cover defence, but seems to have lost his skill in attack. Charlton had one of his best games. But the forwards who impressed most were the two locks, Jones and Vaughan. Both had fine games. ... **(Sun-Herald 10th April 1960)**

Notes: This was a fast, open game where Doug Jones was the outstanding player for Wests. He displayed amazing pace for a lock to score a runaway 60-yard try. Keith Holman also continued his great form and Joe Ryan went well in Wests' place. Peter Dimond's try was a blinder, after chain-passing between himself and Darcy Russell.