



1960 Round 3 Monday 18th April Cricket Ground



Western Suburbs 27

def.

Balmain 15

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

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

Keith BARNES (c)
 Ron MACK
 Billy BISCHOFF
 Alan MASON
 Bobby MARA
 Doug WALTON
 Laurie FAGAN
 Kevin SMYTH
 Jack SINCLAIR
 Brian HENDERSON
 Don EVENDEN
 Col GLOVER
 Billy MARSH

Tries Peter DIMOND (2)
 Doug JONES
 Keith HOLMAN
 Bede GOFF

Bob MARA

Goals Darcy RUSSELL (6)

Keith BARNES (6)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: I Moir, H Wells, R Poole (c), P Dimond; five-eighth: R Buttenshaw; half: K Holman; forwards: D Jones, W Carson, K O'Shea, G Downie, B Goff, N Charlton

Balmain: Full-back: K Barnes (c); three-quarters: R Mack, W Bischoff, A Mason, B Mara; five-eighth: D Walton; half: L Fagan; forwards: K Smyth, J Sinclair, B Henderson, W Marsh, C Glover, D Evenden **Referee: C Pearce (The Daily Mirror 18th April 1960)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday converted a 14-15 deficit into a 27-15 win over Balmain with a dynamic finish at Sydney Cricket Ground. Wests scored 13 points in the last 15 minutes. The star-studded Wests' team's greater weight and experience had turned possible defeat into victory. The match was the best of the season. It provided all the ideals of Rugby League – toughness, speed and open football. The toughness of the exchanges took toll of the players. ... *Wests' second-rower Kel O'Shea tore a rib cartilage. *Wests' front-rower George Downie ricked an ankle. Walton, Sinclair and Bischoff suffered their injuries within a space of five minutes. This was staggering blow to Balmain at a crucial stage of the match. Wests started its winning onslaught immediately afterwards. Wests scored five tries to one. But Balmain's Kangaroo full-back Keith Barnes kept Balmain in the picture with freakish goal-kicking. Barnes landed four of his first six goals. His only misses in this period were from 60 yards' range – five yards from his own side of the half-way line. Balmain led 11-10 a minute before the half-time bell rang. Wests' full-back Darcy Russell converted this into a 12-11 lead for his team with a magnificent goal from two yards inside the half-way line after the half-time bell. Balmain played spectacular football for the first 15 minutes of the second half. ... Wests seemed destined to lose. But Wests were not rattled at any stage. ... Winger Peter Dimond scored an amazing try which clinched Wests' victory. Balmain launched an attack which left it with three men to beat one Wests' defender. Dimond ran with the Balmain raiders. He intercepted the final pass, aimed to send Balmain winger Bobby Mara over the line for a try. He wheeled and sped 90 yards down the right flank to score. Former Test half-back Holman then put the issue beyond doubt with a try in which he beat four defenders in a spirited 15-yard burst. Holman was excellent throughout the match. He dispelled theories that he was "over the hill". Holman is not as sharp and pugnacious as he used to be. But he is still a master craftsman – the brainiest strategist in the game. Holman later said he was attempting a comeback to big football to represent Australia in the World Cup in England in September. On yesterday's form he could make it. Holman shared the honours of the match with Wests' lock Doug Jones and Balmain front-rower Bill Marsh. Kangaroo centre Harry Wells lacked match-practice, but he showed his great skill in setting up two of Wests' five tries. **(Daily Telegraph 19th April 1960)**

.....Referee Col Pearce heavily penalised Wests for breaching the three-yard rule and the forwards and half-back Holman for scrum infringements. Balmain received 24 penalties to Wests' four.....Big Harry Wells, with much "bullocking" down the centre, showed the need of the match, he also showed what a force he would be this season. His partner, Dick Poole, was indisposed, and took matters quietly. Five-eighth Roger Buttenshaw was credited with his best game of the season (Arthur Summons played well in reserve grade)..... **(The Sydney Morning Herald 19th April 1960)**

Notes: Keith Holman again starred in a convincing third straight win. Doug Jones also continued his good early season form. Against a 24-4 penalty loss, Wests were still able to score five good tries, 13 points coming in the last 15 minutes. O'Shea and Downie both suffered injuries while Peter Dimond scored a 90-yard intercept try.