



1958 Round 3 Saturday 19th April Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 17

def.

Eastern Suburbs 10

Darcy RUSSELL
 John THOMPSON
 Harry WELLS (c)
 Rees DUNCAN
 Peter DIMOND
 Darcy HENRY
 Keith HOLMAN
 Doug JONES
 Brian SHANNON
 Jack BOWMAN
 Jack MANTLE
 Bede GOFF
 Nev CHARLTON

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

Ray CHADWICK
 Brian ALLSOP
 Tony PASKINS (c)
 Ken Van HEEKEREN
 Don SPENCE
 Barry O'CONNELL
 Doug CAMERON
 Dick SEE
 Bill McCALL
 Jack GIBSON
 Terry FEARNLEY
 Ken ASHCROFT
 Bob BRENNING

Tries John THOMPSON
 Harry WELLS
 Peter DIMOND

Barry O'CONNELL
 Jack GIBSON

Goals Darcy RUSSELL (4)

Tony PASKINS (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: J Thompson, H Wells (c), R Duncan, P Dimond; five-eighth: D Henry; half: K Holman; forwards: D Jones, B Shannon, B Bowman, N Charlton, B Goff, J Mantle

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: R Chadwick; three-quarters: B Allsop, K Van Heekeren, A Paskins (c), D Spence; five-eighth: B O'Connell; half D Cameron; forwards: D See, J Gibson, W McCall, T Fearnley, K Ashcroft, B Brenning **Referee: F Erickson (The Sun 19th April 1958)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday defeated Eastern Suburbs 17-10 in a ragged match at Pratten Park. Wests added seven points in the final 12 minutes to win a fluctuating match. A pugnacious display by husky centre Harry Wells paved the way for Wests' win. Wells scored a try and played a major role in Wests' two other try-scoring movements. His crashing centre-field dashes were a constant source of worry to Easts' defence. The only blemish in an exhilarating display by Wells was a missed tackle which let Easts in for a try midway through the second half. Easts' centre Ken Van Heekeren beat Wells with a change of pace to set up a try which Brian O'Connell scored. O'Connell's try, 15 minutes from the end, levelled the scores at 10-all. Wests' play at this stage had become ragged and Easts, for possibly the first time in the match, looked a definite threat. But Easts failed to press home its temporary advantage and Wests quickly had the game in hand, A spirited forward dash carried play deep into Easts' territory where referee F Erickson penalised Easts' forwards for a scrum infringement. Wests' full-back Darcy Russell kicked the goal from an acute angle to put Wests in front again, 12-10. A determined try in the corner by winger Peter Dimond clinched Wests' victory eight minutes from the bell. Wells began the movement with a strong dash through Easts' backline. He threw a long, high pass to Dimond, who scored with two defenders on top of him. ...After a ragged opening, Wests looked likely to take complete charge, following some sustained back-line dashes. Wests lost a certain try seven minutes after the start, when centre Rees Duncan dropped a return pass from his forward John Bowman with the line wide open. A crashing break through several minutes later by Wests' centre Harry Wells set up the opening try of the game. Wells, in a determined bullocking run, brushed off three would-be tacklers as he gained forty yards for Wests down mid-field. When Wells found his path blocked by Easts' full-back Ron Chadwick, he transferred to teammate Darcy Russell, who gave winger Jack Thompson a clear passage to the line. **(Sunday Telegraph 20th April 1958)**

Harry Wells continually made long, crashing runs to lead Western Suburbs to a 17-10 win over Eastern Suburbs at Pratten Park.... Wells made speedy dashes and was behind all the tries scored by his team. Rees Duncan supported him well in the centre, and wingers Jack Thompson and Peter Dimond had good games. Keith Holman and Darcy Henry were bright from time to time. Holman's defence was outstanding... **(Sun-Herald 20th April 1958)**

....Wells, right on his mettle after young brother Colin had scored all 12 points in reserve grade, foreshadowed that he is likely to be Dick Poole's partner again in the matches against the Englishmen.....Wests' glamour centre Rees Duncan was nearly always caught in possession while five-eighth Darcy Henry was well bottled up in defence. Best for Wests were Russell, Thompson, Wells, Dimond, Bowman and Charlton. **(Truth 20th April 1958)**

Notes: Wests were able to get away with a win in a ragged match that was close until the end, when Peter Dimond scored another barging try in the corner. The star of the match was Harry Wells who was right back to top form, scoring a try and setting up another. Keith Holman also played another brilliant defensive match. Thompson's try came after a brilliant barging, swerving run by Harry Wells.