1960 Round 4 Monday 25th April Pratten Park

Western Suburbs 22   def.   Parramatta 8

Western Suburbs	Position	Parramatta
Darcy RUSSELL	*Fullback*	Brian COX
Ian MOIR	*Wing*	Bill LOCKETT
Dick POOLE (c)	*Centre*	Keith GRIFFITHS
Harry WELLS	*Centre*	Martin GALLAGHER
Peter DIMOND	*Wing*	Kevin HOLE
Roger BUTTENSHAW	*Five-eighth*	Ron BODEN (c)
Keith HOLMAN	*Half*	Rob GAIR
Doug JONES	*Lock*	Jack PATTERSON
Kel O'SHEA	*Second Row*	Matt JOHNSTON
Bill CARSON	*Second Row*	Noel CORNWALL
Denis MEANEY	*Front Row*	Roy FISHER
Bede GOFF	*Hooker*	Bill RAYNER
Nev CHARLTON	*Front Row*	Lindsay ARMOUR

Tries   Peter DIMOND (3)
Roger BUTTENSHAW

Goals   Darcy RUSSELL (5)   Keith GRIFFITHS (4)

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, D Meaney, B Goff, N Charlton
Parramatta: Full-back: B Cox; three-quarters: W Lockett, K Griffiths, M Gallagher, K Hole; five-eighth: R Boden (c); half: R Gair; forwards: J Patterson, M Johnston, N Cornwall, R Fisher, W Rayner, L Armour   **Referee: L Samuelson (The Sun 25th April 1960)**

Western Suburbs lost star League hooker Bede Goff after only 15 minutes at Pratten Park yesterday, but still beat Parramatta, 22-8. Goff, sent off by Referee L Samuelson, will appear before the League's judiciary committee tonight, charged with having punched opposing hooker, Bill Rayner. Goff had led his rival, 5-1, in the scrums. Later in this half the scrums were 5-all, then Rayner won second half scrums, 18-9. Wests scored four tries to none. However, the game proved to be rather even until the closing minutes when Wests put on two tries against a team that suddenly lost formation. Parramatta had begun well and led 4-0 when Goff was ordered off. Then Dick Poole put in a glorious positioning run and sent right-winger Peter Dimond in for a try. Half-back Keith Holman, who with no lock forward (Carson had moved to hooker, Jones to second-row) excelled in cover defence, gave the lead up to Dimond's second try. Dimond's third try was a fine solo effort – Parramatta winger Lockett could not hold this strong young Westerner. Parramatta, cleverly led by Ron Boden, attacked well in the second half. Half-back Gair began to improve, and Boden got better opportunities to show his distinct class. But Parramatta could not finish off excellent work by the halves, and eventually the team faded. Parramatta often left the "blind" side without cover. … Wests' Harry Wells, fit and forceful, frequently fell to glorious low tackling by Martin Gallagher. Ian Moir was never in the game – all glory went to the Dimond wing. **(Sydney Morning Herald 26th April 1960)**

… Samuelson dismissed Goff 17 minutes after the start for allegedly fighting. The dismissal surprised most of the crowd of 8933. Samuelson had awarded a penalty to Wests before he called Goff out of the scrum. Samuelson then spoke to Goff. After the player answered, the referee told him to leave the field. After the game players said the penalty concerned a different incident from the one which led to Goff's dismissal. ..Wests moved second-rower Bill Carson into the hooking position but he was no match for Rayner. Referee Samuelson cautioned West forwards Carson and Dennis Meaney for rough play in the second half. Despite its poor share of the ball from scrums West dominated play for most of the 80 minutes. West's forwards were able to subdue the Parramatta pack after a tough battle in the first half. West backs, Keith Holman, Roger Buttenshaw, Harry Wells and Peter Dimond gave good individual displays. But they still lack cohesive teamwork. … Dimond was the star of the match, scoring three tries. His first try came when Poole drew centre Keith Griffiths and winger Bill Lockett before passing to Dimond, who beat full-back Brian Cox effortlessly. Dimond scored his second try after Holman had dashed through a group of Parramatta forwards and passed in-field to lock Doug Jones. Dimond, who had raced inside Holman, caught the ball as it bounced from Jones' shoulder and fell over the line. Centre Dick Poole did not have a good match. Doug Jones was one of the stars in a good West pack. **(Daily Telegraph 26th April 1960)**

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Notes: Bede Goff was sent off after 15 minutes for allegedly punching rival hooker Bill Rayner. However, led by the in-form Holman and Jones, Wests scored four good tries, three by the try-scoring machine, Peter Dimond. Harry Wells demonstrated that his fitness was improving with a much improved display. Even with Goff off the Wests' pack was far too strong for Parramatta.