



1958 Round 4 Saturday 26th April Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 15

def.

Canterbury-Bankstown 12



Darcy RUSSELL
John THOMPSON
Harry WELLS (c)
Rees DUNCAN
Peter DIMOND
Darcy HENRY
Keith HOLMAN
Doug JONES
Kel O'SHEA
Jack BOWMAN
Mark PATCH
Bede GOFF
Nev CHARLTON

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

Peter HAYES
Ken PEET
Ken ROWLANDS
John RUSSELL
Reg COOPER
Ron THORNTON
Ray GARTNER (c)
Mick VAUGHAN
Bill OWENS
Kevin BROWN
Noel RYAN
Fred ANDERSON
Alan HOCKEY

Tries John THOMPSON
Darcy HENRY
Rees DUNCAN

Ken PEET
Reg COOPER

Goals Darcy RUSSELL (3)

Peter HAYES (3)

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, K O'Shea, J Bowman, N Charlton, B Goff, M Patch
Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: P Hayes; three-quarters: K Peet, K Rowlands, J Russell, R Cooper; five-eighth: R Thornton; half: R Gartner (c); forwards: M Vaughan, W Owens, K Brown, N Ryan, F Anderson, A Hockley **Referee: C Pearce (The Sun 26th April 1958)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday gained a hard-fought victory over Canterbury at Pratten Park. Wests staged a concerted second-half rally to win, 15-12. Canterbury led 12-6 at half-time and had looked likely to cause an upset. Canterbury handled the greasy ball much better than Wests in the early stages and set up a commanding lead in the first 20 minutes. In this period Canterbury scored two fine tries and Peter Hayes kicked two goals, for a 10-0 lead. Wingers Reg Cooper and Ken Peet scored the tries, following backline dashes which had the Wests' defence floundering. Hayes kicked a penalty goal from 30 yards out after four minutes' play and converted Peet's try with a magnificent kick from the touchline. Wests fought back and, mainly through the initiative of second-rower Kel O'Shea, scored two tries in the next 20 minutes. Winger Jack Thompson scored the first try after Holman, Henry and O'Shea combined to give Wests an overlap. Playing his first game of the season O'Shea proved a constant source of worry to the Canterbury defence. His crashing dashes from the rucks helped Wests open play on several occasions. After Hayes kicked a penalty for Canterbury 10 minutes from half-time, O'Shea inspired a magnificent try by Wests. He leapt like an Australian Rules forward to pull down a high mark, shook off three tackles, and then set up a try for centre Rees Duncan. Duncan took the ball running at full speed on the 25, and outpaced the Canterbury cover defence in a run to the corner. With the advantage of a strong following wind in the second half, Wests took only 10 minutes to gain the lead for the first time in the game. Full-back Darcy Russell, who had an off-day with his kicking, landed two goals for Wests in this period, and five-eighth Darcy Henry scored a try in the corner. Russell kicked another penalty goal in the second half to give West a 15-12 lead, which it held to the finish. Canterbury fought hard but Wests' cover defence, with half-back Holman and second-rowers O'Shea and Buddy Bowman tackling fiercely, stemmed many attacks. Canterbury captain, half-back ray Gartner, played a grand game. **(Sunday Telegraph 27th April 1958)**

Western Suburbs made a late rally to beat Canterbury-Bankstown 15-12, after trailing 6-12 at half-time. The game had been in progress for an hour before Western Suburbs gained a one-point lead. Canterbury scored all its points in the first half, then cracked under West's constant pressure. The Canterbury forwards held Western Suburbs. It was not unusual for the ball to be handled by each of them twice before play was halted. Had the centres straightened the attack Wests must have scored more tries. Holman had a quiet day but Darcy Henry was in top form, and his straight running continually made ground. Darcy Russell had an off-day in goal-kicking with three goals in 11 attempts. Holman took the final kick, but he failed in a difficult attempt. Wests' wing men, Thompson and Dimond, were a success. Thompson ran hard and was elusive. Dimond was rugged and excelled in defence. No forward worked harder than Nev Charlton, and O'Shea played well. **(Sun-Herald 27th April 1958)**

Notes: Both Kel O'Shea and Mark Patch were back after serving three match suspensions. They would have relished playing against ex-West forward Bill Owens in the Canterbury side. Wests were down 12-6 at half-time and Wests finished strongly, winning in the last 20 minutes. Rees Duncan's try came as the result of a brilliant O'Shea break but there was still too much individual effort. They were yet to meld as a team. Darcy Henry had another brilliant match and Peter Dimond had another very strong game on the wing.