



1959 Round 5 Saturday 18th April Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 24

def.

Manly-Warringah 13



Darcy RUSSELL
John MOWBRAY
Harry WELLS
Dick POOLE (c)
Bernie KELLY
Darcy HENRY
Keith HOLMAN
Kel O'SHEA
Ray McDERMOTT
Bill CARSON
Mark PATCH
Bede GOFF
Nev CHARLTON

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

Ron WILLEY (c)
Ray RITCHIE
Ray QUINNELL
Bill LLOYD
George HUGO
Peter BURKE
Bob LENON
Bernie SEYMOUR
Peter DIVERSI
Doug DALEY
Rex MOSSOP
George LENON
Roy BULL

Tries Darcy HENRY (2)
John MOWBRAY (2)

Ray RITCHIE (2)
Bernie SEYMOUR

Goals Darcy RUSSELL (6)

Ron WILLEY (2)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Willey (c); three-quarters: R Ritchie, W Lloyd, R Quinnell, G Hugo; five-eighth: P Burke; half: B Lenon; forwards: B Seymour, P Diversi, D Daley, R Mossop, G Lenon, R Bull

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: J Mowbray, H Wells, R Poole (c), B Kelly; five-eighth: D Henry; half: K Holman; forwards: K O'Shea, R McDermott, W Carson, M Patch, B Goff, N Charlton **Referee: C Pearce (The Sun 18th April 1959)**

Test centre Dick Poole master-minded Western Suburbs to victory in the Rugby League match against Manly. Wests, functioning smoothly for the first time this season, won 24-13 at Pratten Park. All Wests' attacking moves centred on Poole who was playing his first competition match for 12 months. Poole's quick thinking and clever passes to his wingers proved the difference in two fairly evenly balanced teams. Manly coach Ken Arthurson said: "Poole was terrific. He played a mighty game when you consider how long it has been since he had a serious run. I wish I had him." Referee Col Pearce repeatedly cautioned players for rough tactics in a match which was marred in the second half by several heated skirmishes. Manly played attractive football but could not finish off some strong passing bursts. Wests had a find in winger John Mowbray, who unfortunately was carried from the ground on a stretcher after scoring two spectacular tries. Mowbray has a suspected collarbone injury. Wests played for half an hour without five-eighth Darcy Henry, who was accidentally ko'd in a heavy tackle by Manly full-back Ron Willey. Manly winger Ray Ritchie was knocked unconscious by a bruising tackle from Wests' second-rower Bill Carson. Ritchie returned after 10 minutes' treatment to score his second try. After the game, Ritchie could not remember having scored or having been off the field. The worst of several rough incidents went unpunished. Referee Pearce apparently failed to see Wests' lock Kel O'Shea stepping on Willey's head while Willey lay on the ground. The incident occurred in full view of spectators, who hooted O'Shea. Willey continued with blood streaming from cuts around his ear. George Lenon, George Hugo and Bernie Seymour (Manly) and Harry Wells, Bernie Kelly and Bill Carson (West) received cautions for rough play. Darcy Henry burst clear and sent Mowbray over for the first try. Wells next made an opening for Henry to score in the corner. Both these tries came against the run of play, when Manly was playing crowd-pleasing football. **(The Sun 19th April 1959)**

Winger John Mowbray, playing his initial first-grade game, was the match-winner for Western Suburbs R.L. against Manly at Pratten Park yesterday. Mowbray scored two dashing tries, but sustained a broken collarbone in the last minutes of play. Wests beat Manly 24-13. Mowbray was promoted to Wests' first side when Test winger Ian Moir could not play because of influenza. At last Monday night's NSW League meeting, Mowbray was cited to appear before the qualifications committee. Parramatta club claims that Mowbray lives in its area. Mowbray's second try proved the turning-point in a lively and attractive game. Wests were leading 14-8, and had Darcy Henry off the field. Henry was knocked unconscious right on half-time by a tackle by Ron Willey. The ball came fast from a ruck to Dick Poole. Poole positioned Wells, who timed an excellent pass to Mowbray. Mowbray ran 40 yards to the corner, beating off several tacklers. Manly never recovered from this reverse. When Henry returned to the field late in the second-half, he played on the wing and Mowbray took his place at five-eighth. Mowbray was felled by what appeared to be a late tackle, and he was carried from the ground on a stretcher five minutes before full-time. ... In the second half play became heated and referee Col Pearce served out several cautions. The cool and efficient work of Poole was apparent during this period. **(The Sun-Herald 19th April 1959)**

Notes: John Mowbray, replacing Ian Moir, made a dazzling debut, scoring two great tries, but was then forced off the field with a broken collarbone. Darcy Henry was also knocked unconscious in a rough, tough game. Dick Poole finally qualified residentially and was a calming factor when the match became very tight. Darcy Russell's six goals was also a telling factor, kicking penalty goals every time Manly looked like coming back into the match.