



# 1952 Round 5 Saturday 19th April Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 22

def.

## Eastern Suburbs 19

George BAIN  
 Bill CALLINAN  
 Col RATCLIFF  
 Gerry LOWE  
 Jack FITZGERALD  
 Frank STANMORE  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Peter McLEAN (c)  
 Arthur COLLINSON  
 Don SCHOFIELD  
 Bill HORDER  
 Hec FARRELL  
 Kevin HANSEN

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

Ron BOOTH  
 Don WHITE  
 Ken SAWYER  
 Brian HORNE  
 Bill REINHOLD  
 Darcy HENRY  
 Bob HANCOCK  
 Frank BURKE  
 Ferris ASHTON  
 Charlie BANKS  
 John BELL  
 Don SINCLAIR  
 Bruce EDWARDS

### Tries

Arthur COLLINSON  
 Col RATCLIFF  
 Peter McLEAN  
 George BAIN

John BELL  
 BILL REINHOLD  
 Don WHITE

### Goals

George BAIN (5)

Brian HORNE (5)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: G Bain; three-quarters: W Callinan, C Ratcliffe, G Lowe, J Fitzgerald; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: K Holman; forwards: P McLean (c), D Schofield, A Collinson, W Horder, H Farrell, K Hansen

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: R Booth; three-quarters: D White, B Horne (c), K Sawyer, W Reinhold; five-eighth: D Henry; half: E Hancock; forwards: F Burke, C Banks, F Ashton, J Bell, D Sinclair, B Edwards **Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News 28th May 1952)**

George Bain, now rising 22, is rapidly maturing as a full-back. George has been with us for four seasons and in the past has been a great utility player. Now he is improving so much each week that he is no mere stop-gap as first grade full-back. Apart from kicking like a Billy Keato, George is tackling well and his positional play is good. **(Rugby League News 19th April 1952)**

A snap try in the closing stages by fullback George Bain gave Wests a narrow 22-19 win over Easts at Pratten Park yesterday. Easts, playing without Donohoe, led by 12-10 at half-time and were in the lead practically throughout the game. Wests' display early was lethargic and their tackling was very poor. Later in the game they found their best form and gave Easts a torrid time. Highlights of the game which thrilled the crowd of 7500 were: \*The sterling display of Easts' second-row forward Ferris Ashton, who was the star in every Eastern Suburbs movement. The grand display in the second half of Test stars Holman and Stanmore whose clever tactics gave McLean a try under the posts. \* The dashing form of newcomer Col Ratcliffe, Wests' centre. .... **(The Sun 20th April 1952)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League full back George Bain yesterday scored a try and converted it to snatch a win for his team. Wests defeated Eastern Suburbs 22-19 at Pratten Park. Wests had trailed throughout the match until Bain scored the winning points. Bain scored his try two minutes before the end of the match when a win by Easts, 19-17, had seemed certain. Bain scored 13 of West's 24 points, from a try and five goals. His late try came after a magnificent tackle by Eastern Suburbs full-back Ron Booth. The tackle stopped a certain try and threw West winger Bill Callinan 10 yards out of touch. Bain's try came from the scrum that restarted play. Wests won the ball, and half-back Keith Holman threw it straight out to five-eighth Frank Stanmore, who was standing deep. The Easts defence appeared to have the Wests backs covered. Bain, sensing an opening, ran up on the outside of the out-centre Col Ratcliffe. He was going at his top when Ratcliff gave him a pass, wide on the left wing. Bain came inside off his left foot, cut out full-back Booth, and beat a forward with a dive over the line. Eastern Suburbs, with a little luck, could have won the game. Once second-row forward Ferris Ashton with an open field ahead, was ruled off-side. Late in the second half when East was leading 19-17 five players overran a rolling ball in Wests' goalmouth. .... **(The Daily Telegraph 20th April 1952)**

**Notes:** A big crowd, 10,000+, packed into Pratten Park to watch Wests snatch another exciting last-minute win. George Bain scored a brilliant full-back's try, chiming in to score near the posts in the last two minutes. After a pedestrian first half, Holman and Stanmore burst into action in the second half, dominating their opposites and allowing Col Ratcliff to run riot in the backs. Five wins to start the season, most of them in tight games was a great start to a premiership title.