



1958 Round 5 Saturday 3rd May Cricket Ground



Western Suburbs 52

def.

North Sydney 4

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

John JONES
 Ray CARDILINI
 Bob HONEYSETT
 Paul CUNEO
 Brian CARLSON
 Ken ODGERS
 John KELL
 Bob SULLIVAN (c)
 Bernie CUNEO
 Bill SANDSTROM
 Don EVENDEN
 Norm STRONG
 Jack BLINKHORN

Tries

Harry WELLS (2)
 Keith HOLMAN (2)
 John THOMPSON
 Kel O'SHEA
 Doug JONES
 Darcy HENRY
 Peter DIMOND
 Jack BOWMAN (Penalty Try)

Goals

Darcy RUSSELL (11)

Brian CARLSON (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: 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

North Sydney: Full-back: J Jones; three-quarters: R Cardilini, B Honeysett, P Cuneo, B Carlson; five-eighth: K Odgers; half: J Kell; forwards: B Sullivan (c), B Cuneo, W Sandstrom, D Evenden, N Strong, J Blinkhorn **Referee: C Brown (The Sun 3rd May 1958)**

The Western Suburbs Millionaires, in a riotous carousal of scoring yesterday, simply drowned North Sydney with the champagne of Rugby League football, winning the main game on SCG by the startling margin of 52 points to 4. The crowd of 26,793 fans left the ground intoxicated with the superbly mature display of Wests. They call Wests the Millionaires because of their fat contracts. I would call them Billionaires after yesterday's brand of football. It is not an over-statement to say Wests played international football. As a team they threw the criticism down the throats of their detracting critics who asserted they played as individuals. Yesterday they played supercharged machine-precision Rugby League, the quality of which recalled memories of the greatest football ever seen in any age on Sydney Cricket Ground. Norths, who smashed South Sydney into the mud last week, couldn't push their way through a paper-bag. Wests dominated the game from start to finish, and in the closing stages Norths were so rattled it was like a cat playing with a mouse. The mouse had no chance and was eventually gobbled up, head, tail and everything presumably to make a more sumptuous meal for the banquet Wests had provided. Normally a 52-4 victory would suggest a poor sort of treat for 27,000 spectators. But the high standard of Wests' play made it a banquet, and I am quite certain the crowd would have paid its admission to enjoy the banquet all over again. The result of the game was never in doubt, and even in the last 20 minutes of the first half Wests scored no fewer than 21 points in a riotous attack. The game followed the same pattern in the second half, for in the last 20 minutes Wests scored 23 points, and only the full-time bell prevented a slaughter. It was beautiful precision football, with criss-cross passing, switching direction of play, backing-up, superb passing, penetration, andspeed speed. Wests' forwards laid the foundation. They dominated the game to a man, in the rucks and out in the open where they engaged their backs in spectacular open football that was a delight to the eye. It is unnecessary to give the scoring movements in detail. All 10 tries came from team-work, understanding and backing-up. In this team-work, players who excelled were Harry Wells, centre, Keith Holman, half-back, Darcy Henry, five-eighth, Darcy Russell, full-back, and the forwards led by Kel O'Shea with Buddy Bowman, Nev Charlton, Mark Patch, Doug Jones and Bede Goff all doing their share in the riot. On yesterday's form Wells, Holman, Henry, O'Shea and Patch are all worthy contenders for Australia's Test team. Keith Holman beyond all doubt cemented his claims to Test match selection. "He is not as fast," they say....Blah! His speed has mellowed with aggressive, clever tactical football. He scored two tries, and the second was a gem when he left his opponents standing with as agile a football dummy as was ever dipped in arsenic to keep his opponents off him. **(Truth 4th May 1958)**

Notes: The lack of team-work in the previous match was forgotten as Wests ran riot, scoring 10 tries from brilliant passing moves. Jack Bowman scored a suspect penalty try while Darcy Henry injured his shoulder early on and was very quiet. On the other hand, Keith Holman was back to his devastating best in a team of stars.