



1960 Round 5 Saturday 30th April Cricket Ground



Manly-Warringah 13

def.

Western Suburbs 9

Ron WILLEY (c)
 Len WADLING
 Billy LLOYD
 Terry McGOVERN
 George HUGO
 Barry O'CONNELL
 Peter BURKE
 Jim PEEBLES
 Barney McEVOY
 Doug DALEY
 Bill DELAMERE
 Ron WOODS
 Rex MOSSOP

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

Darcy RUSSELL
 Ian MOIR
 Harry WELLS
 Dick POOLE (c)
 Peter DIMOND
 Roger BUTTENSCHAW
 Keith HOLMAN
 Doug JONES
 Kel O'SHEA
 Bill CARSON
 Denis MEANEY
 John DAWSON
 Nev CHARLTON



Tries George HUGO (2)
 Ron WILLEY

Nev CHARLTON

Goals Ron WILLEY (2)

Darcy RUSSELL (3)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Willey (c); three-quarters: R Wadling, W Lloyd, T McGovern, G Hugo; five-eighth: B O'Connell; half: P Burke; forwards: J Peebles, B McEvoy, D Daley, W Delamere, R Woods, R Mossop

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, J Dawson, N Charlton **Referee: C Pearce (The Sun 30th April 1960)**

Manly Rugby League "bulldozing" winger George Hugo yesterday scored two tries which paved the way for his team to defeat Western Suburbs 13-9 at Sydney Cricket Ground. ... The season's biggest crowd, 29,700, saw yesterday's match. The crowd had a feast of full-blooded League. The match was brimful of brilliant raids, power and rugged defence. Hugo scored his two great tries in the last eight minutes of the first half. Hugo, a heavyweight, with an odd, short-stepping, galloping sort of run, bullocked past three or four Wests' defenders to score his tries. He dragged the defenders over the line with him each time. Former Test forward Roy Bull commented: "No other winger in Australia would have scored those tries. It was a wonderful feat of strength and determination. ... Hugo's second try was the best of the season. Willey also started the move. But again it was Burke who split Wests' defence with a long run down the right flank. Front-rower Rex Mossop joined in late to give the ball to Hugo. How a front-rower got there for the vital second-last pass as Mossop did, amazed the big crowd. Hugo, with Wests' defenders wrenching at his legs and body, crawled across the line on his elbows. Wests' supporters disputed the try. "Double move..... Penalty!" they shouted. Referee Col Pearce's decision in awarding the try was correct. Hugo did not ground the ball before he got it over the line and Wests had not stopped his progress. Wests made a magnificent fight. The vigour of the gruelling exchanges hit Wests afterwards. After the match Wests' dressing-room resembled a battle-station as a doctor worked on the "wounded" players: *Right-winger Peter Dimond suffered a torn ankle cartilage *Front-rower Nev Charlton suffered probable broken ribs * Second-rower Kel O'Shea injured his kidneys * Five-eighth Roger Buttenshaw suffered badly injured ribs. Five-eighth Barry O'Connell was Manly's only casualty. He had a dep forehead cut, which a doctor stitched. Wests played almost throughout the second half under the handicap of injuries. Not one of the injured men piqued. They played their part in attacking raids and in defence. I will remember for a long time front-rower Charlton's courage in scoring Wests' only try early in the second half. The gallant Charlton, an arm hanging limply against his damaged ribs, charged with the ferocity of a bull at a gate, through a barrage of Manly defenders. He had failed in a similar attempt only a minute earlier. In this match Wests made a strategic blunder. It concentrated its attack on the right wing, where Dimond hobbled virtually on one leg. Whenever full-back Russell moved up he carried the attack to Dimond. No-one could understand why. This line of attack seemingly has become a Wests' policy. It is all the more amazing because on the other flank Wests has one of the world's best wingers, Test star Ian Moir. Moir moves about miserably on the left wing, starved, match after match. He has not scored a try in five matches this season. If Wests are not aware of Moir's capabilities it does not deserve to win matches. This, however, was the only fault in Wests' gallant effort yesterday. Then five minutes from the end, Holman made a spectacular individual attempt to snatch a much-needed try in the corner. He brushed off two tacklers in a 30-yard dash. Manly hooker Ron Woods - who has great speed for a man in his position - moved across in cover-defence to check Holman a yard from the line. Holman, a veteran of 35 Tests, still is a very great half-back. Wests held a 9-8 lead midway through the second half. For a time it looked as if Wests might battle through to victory. Manly, in its anxiety at that stage, "bombed" three scoring chances. ... **(Sunday Telegraph 1st May 1960)**

Notes: Bede Goff was out suspended and was replaced by John Dawson. This was regarded as the best game of the season so far with rugged, but clean, forward clashes. Rex Mossop and Nev Charlton went head to head all afternoon. Wests suffered multiple injuries: Dimond (torn ankle cartilage), O'Shea (injured kidneys) and Charlton and Buttenshaw (both rib injuries). Dimond, in particular, was hobbling on the wing, severely restricting their try scoring ability. Holman tried desperately in the closing stages to snatch a win and came close on a number of occasions.