



1960 Round 6 Saturday 7th May Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 35

def.

North Sydney 24

Darcy RUSSELL (c)
 Ian MOIR
 Harry WELLS
 Joe RYAN
 Bernie KELLY
 Arthur SUMMONS
 Keith HOLMAN
 Doug JONES
 Garry RUSSELL
 John CONNA
 Denis MEANEY
 John DAWSON
 Bill OWENS

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

Brian CARLSON
 Ken IRVINE
 David HOLMAN
 Paul CUNEO
 Horrie TOOLE
 Ken ODGERS
 Ray LOVE
 Greg HAWICK (c)
 George HUNTER
 John BROWN
 Harold BLINKHORN
 Norm STRONG
 Ron POTTER

Tries

Doug JONES (2)
 Arthur SUMMONS (2)
 Keith HOLMAN
 Joe RYAN
 Harry WELLS

Ken IRVINE (4)
 Greg HAWICK
 David HOLMAN

Goals

Darcy RUSSELL (7)

Brian CARLSON (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell (c); three-quarters: I Moir, H Wells, J Ryan, B Kelly; five-eighth: A Summons; half: K Holman; forwards: D Jones, G Russell, J Conna, D Meaney, J Dawson, N Charlton

North Sydney: Full-back: B Carlson; three-quarters: K Irvine, D Holman, P Cuneo, H Toole; five-eighth: K Odgers; half: R Love; forwards: G Hawick (c), G Hunter, J Brown, H Blinkhorn, N Strong, R Potter **Referee: C Brown (The Sun 7th May 1960)**

Western Suburbs beat North Sydney in a highly spectacular and crowd-pleasing game 35 points to 24 before an enthusiastic crowd of 5733 at Pratten Park, in a score of seven tries and seven goals, to six tries and three goals. Darcy Russell's unerring accuracy with the boot was a contributing factor in Wests' win. Naturally, defence was conspicuous by its absence, both teams giving the ball the air, with tries coming alternately to each team throughout the game. Nevertheless, the local lads always had the drop on their opponents, and never looked like losing. Kangaroo winger Ken Irvine stole the thunder despite his team's loss. He scored four superb tries, and never made a faux pas, in attack or defence. Strangely enough, his opposite number, Ian Moir, was again left out in the cold, the ball only coming to him twice all day. Once he cut holes in the defence, the other time his opponents nabbed him before he got the ball. Arthur Summons, making his debut in League football, displayed the hallmark of class, with a brilliant and versatile game, during which he scored two fine individual tries. Harry Wells looked the goods every time he moved, while Joe Ryan was outstanding. Keith Holman has lost none of his guile though a bit slow with his reflexes at times. Doug Jones, who scored two fine tries, stood out. With a fine turn of speed and a safe pair of hands, John Dawson and Garry Russell had a great nuisance value in defence.... **(Sunday Mirror 8th May 1960)**

Kangaroo winger Ken Irvine yesterday staked a strong claim for selection in the first of this season's Rugby League representative teams. Irvine scored four tries for North Sydney, which lost 24-35 to Western Suburbs. Irvine's four tries in a beaten side was a remarkable effort. Irvine now is the leading try-scorer for the season. He has scored nine tries in six matches, five of which North Sydney has lost. ... The teams scored 13 tries between them. ... With the exception of West lock Doug Jones' two tries, backs scored all the points. The success of the open play tactics pleased officials of both clubs... Although both teams attacked brilliantly, they failed badly in defence, Good tackling was rare. This spoilt an otherwise excellent match. Wests recovered quickly from an early lead Norths set up when Irvine scored. It hit back with a try by lock Doug Jones. At half-time Wests led 20-11. Wests did not look like losing its lead in the second half. But Norths would not give up. It matched Wests' three second-half tries. Brian Carlson (North) kicked three goals from nine attempts. Darcy Russell (Wests) landed seven goals from nine attempts. Five-eighth Arthur Summons had an impressive debut with Wests' first grade team. Norths' centre Paul Cuneo yesterday was prepared to make his openings and then pass to his outside-centre. Previously, he ran too far. Hooker Norm Strong gave North a 23-12 share of the scrums. But Wests overcame this with its strong work in the rucks. Referee Cliff Brown kept the game moving well. He awarded nine penalties to West and eight to North. **(Sunday Telegraph 8th May 1960)**

Notes: Despite Ken Irvine scoring four tries, Wests were able to prevail in a fast, open game. The previous week's injuries took their toll with replacements for Dimond (Bernie Kelly), O'Shea (Garry Russell debut), Carson (John Conna) and Buttenshaw (the great Arthur Summons making his debut). Arthur Summons showcased his great low tackling and his fast, elusive running while Harry Wells was back to his best. Doug Jones again led the forward charges.