



# 1959 Round 7 Saturday 2nd May Pratten Park



**Western Suburbs 46**

**def.**

**Canterbury-Bankstown 8**



Darcy RUSSELL  
 Ian MOIR  
 Harry WELLS  
 Dick POOLE (c)  
 Peter DIMOND  
 Darcy HENRY  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Kel O'SHEA  
 Ray McDERMOTT  
 Bill CARSON  
 Nev CHARLTON  
 Bede GOFF  
 Mark PATCH

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

Bill PETLEY  
 Ern GILLIGAN  
 Ken ROWLANDS  
 Dick PICKETT  
 Noel COLLIE  
 Clive GARTNER  
 Brian THORNTON  
 Mick VAUGHAN  
 Kevin BROWN  
 Pat FITZGERALD  
 Brian DAVIES (c)  
 Fred ANDERSON  
 Barry NELSON

**Tries** Darcy HENRY (3)  
 Ian MOIR (3)  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Harry WELLS

Ray GARTNER  
 Noel COLLIE

**Goals** Darcy RUSSELL (11)

Bill PETLEY (1)

### Match Description

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: W Petley; three-quarters: F Gilligan, K Rowlands, D Pickett, N Collie; five-eighth: C Gartner; half: B Thornton; forwards: M Vaughan, K Brown, P Fitzgerald, B Davies (c), F Anderson, B Nelson

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: I Moir, H Wells, R Poole (c), P Dimond; five-eighth: D Henry; half: K Holman; forwards: K O'Shea, R McDermott, W Carson, M Patch, B Goff, N Charlton **Referee: K Parkinson (The Sun 2nd May 1959)**

Western Suburbs yesterday gave a brilliant display of fast open Rugby League to overwhelm Canterbury-Bankstown at Pratten Park. Wests won 46-8 after having led 24-3 at half-time. Forwards Mark Patch and Bill Carson of Wests and Brian Davies were sent off for punching. Throwing the ball around in snappy passes, Wests' backs bewildered the defence to score eight tries. Winger Ian Moir and five-eighth Darcy Henry scored three tries each. Moir scored his tries by speed. Twice he out-paced the opposition to run 40 yards and score. For the third try Moir only had to take the pass from centre Harry Wells to score in the corner. Henry made the defence look poor. Gathering speed quickly, he ran through the defence with ease to score his first try after a run of 40 yards. After handling the ball twice, Henry scored his second try near the goal-posts when he took a reverse pass from centre Dick Poole. Henry's third try was the result of a passing rush by the backs. His pace took him over near the goal-posts. Kangaroo centre Harry Wells scored the first try when the ball reached him after seven Wests' players had handled. Half-back Keith Holman scored the last try after winger Ian Moir had run 40 yards and in-passed to Poole. Poole veered infield to pass to Holman who had only to fall over the line. Full-back Darcy Russell had a field day. He kicked 11 goals from 15 attempts and the touch judges disagreed on another. Wests' forwards held their own in the rucks and out-played their opponents in the open. Surprisingly, Wests' hooker Bede Goff beat State hooker Fred Anderson 18-14 in the set scrums. Front-row forward Nev Charlton who played his 100th game with Wests, was in all the hard play. He ran like a three-quarter and quickly set the backs moving from the rucks. Kel O'Shea shone as a lock. His cover defence was good and his backing-up gained considerable ground. .... (Sunday Telegraph 3rd May 1959)

... In a torrid second half forwards Mark Patch, Bill Carson (W.S.) and Brian Davies (C.) were ordered off by referee Keith Parkinson. Davies, from Queensland, is having his first season with Canterbury. The three forwards were penalised for allegedly fighting. Play had been in progress in the second half for 20 minutes when Patch and Davies were called out from a scrum and sent off. Both had been cautioned previously. Close to full-time Canterbury's half Brian Thornton fell to the ground and Carson (W.S.) was ordered off. The game was not a roughhouse but tempers became frayed at times. Wests' showing left little to be desired. The team took the field with a determination to get the ball back sharply to its speedy three-quarter line and succeeded. ....At the head of most of these movements was the hard-running Harry Wells. He was always well supported to give Wests full advantage of his penetration. Flying winger Moir scored three fine tries. From the outset Wests made every effort to position him for clear runs to the goal line. Darcy Henry, too, had a field day, scoring three great tries. Wells gave him the opportunity for his first try, for which he ran half the length of the field and almost through the whole of Canterbury's defence ..... (The Sun-Herald 3rd May 1959)

**Notes:** In a tough match, three players were sent off for fighting: Bill Carson and Mark Patch for Wests and Brian Davies for Canterbury. Wests seemed determined to play open football and Wells, Moir and Darcy were able to use their speed to completely dominate the Canterbury backs. Nev Charlton and Kel O'Shea were also very dominant in the forwards