



1952 Round 7 Saturday 3rd May Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 31

def.

Parramatta 13

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

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

Aif HEMSWORTH
 Ted EVANS
 John ROUSE
 Ian JOHNSTON
 Mitchell WALLACE
 John ROSS
 S CAMPBELL
 Don REGAN
 Colin CURRY
 Bob HOBBS
 Col YARHAM (c)
 Phil McCARROLL
 Col FUSSELL



Tries Don SCHOFIELD (3)
 Bill CALLINAN
 Arthur COLLINSON
 George BAIN
 Keith HOLMAN

Bob HOBBS
 Ian JOHNSTON
 Mitchell WALLACE

Goals George BAIN (5)

Col FUSSELL (2)

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, B Goff, K Hansen

Parramatta: Full-back: A Hemsworth; three-quarters: M Wallace, J Rouse, I Johnston, E Evans; five-eighth: J Ross; half: S Campbell; forwards: D Regan, R Hobbs, C Curry, C Yarham (capt), P McCarroll, C Fussell **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 14th June 1952)**

Playing like champions, League leaders, Western Suburbs ran riot over Parramatta at Pratten Park yesterday winning 31 to 13. Wests at times were brilliant. Often fully 10 players handled the ball in devastating dashes. Highlights of the game were the brilliant individual displays by full-back George Bain and second-row forward D. Schofield. Bain scored a try, missed two others by a whisker, saved several others and landed five good goals. Schofield's football was an inspiration. He was ubiquitous in attack and defence, scoring three corker tries by intelligent and constructive football. Wests halves, Frank Stanmore and Keith Holman, whose form of late has been awry, played superlative football. A. Collinson and Peter McLean also played exceptionally well, shining in attack and cover defence. C. Ratcliff, centre, and W. Callinan, wing, were also in the limelight. ... **(Truth 4th May 1952)**

After scoring three tries for Western Suburbs in their 31-13 win over Parramatta at Pratten Park yesterday, Don Schofield was taken to hospital. He has a probable fractured collarbone. Schofield was unlucky to be injured in a tackle in the closing stages of the game. Schofield, who will be x-rayed tomorrow, is unlikely to play for six weeks and will miss any chance he had of making the Australian team for England. He played his best game of the season yesterday and showed considerable enterprise. Then he sprinted along touch only inches from the line to beat full-back Hemsworth and score. Wests, after leading 10-3 at half-time, went to a big lead in the second half and were 31-3 before Parramatta scored two late tries, both converted. Three tries by Wests in five minutes in the brightest burst of the second half settled any forlorn chance Parramatta may have had. Prominent in the three tries was Keith Holman. Several minutes later Holman dummied Parramatta inside backs after receiving from a ruck and burst ahead into the open. Near the 25 he dummied again before passing to McLean, who had backed up, and the ball went on to Callinan for a try. Holman handled twice in the final Wests' try only a minute later when Schofield scored after a good run by Ratcliff. Stanmore tackled in his grandest style for Wests and full-back Bain, had an excellent day. Bain, a reserve grader when the season started, must receive consideration for No. 2 full-back on the Kangaroo tour or for spare utility back. Yesterday he gave a real Churchill display in attack, backing up with a keen sense of anticipation. Despite his delayed entry into first grade Bain yesterday topped his 50 points for the year with a try and five goals to reach 54 points. Parramatta won the scrums, but otherwise were outplayed by Wests. ... Ratcliff made several long runs for Wests, and Lowe played an even game. McLean led Wests well, and his forwards proved a very solid bunch. Parramatta found Hansen in particular hard to hold. Collinson and Horder worked hard in the pack. **(The Sun 4th May 1952)**

Notes: Wests displayed their best form of the season to run all over Parramatta. Keith Holman had his best game of the season and there were many brilliant backline movements as a result. Don Schofield had an outstanding game, scoring three great tries but this was dampened when he broke a collar-bone late in the match. Bede Goff won the scrums and Wests had a surfeit of ball for the first time in the season.