



# 1956 Round 7 Saturday 5th May Kogarah Oval



## St George 29

def.

## Western Suburbs 2

Doug FLEMING  
 Ross KITE  
 Kevin O'BRIEN  
 Mervyn LEES  
 Tommy RYAN  
 Bobby BUGDEN  
 Johnny HORSLEY  
 Sid PERT  
 Norm PROVAN  
 Billy WILSON  
 Harry MELVILLE  
 Ken KEARNEY (c)  
 Bryan ORROCK

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

George BAIN  
 John THOMPSON  
 Don MEEHAN  
 Harry WELLS (c)  
 Ernie HILLS  
 Darcy HENRY  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Kel O'SHEA  
 Nev CHARLTON  
 Bill CARSON  
 Mark PATCH  
 Bede GOFF  
 Ron WATSON



### Tries

Kevin O'BRIEN (2)  
 Ross KITE  
 Merv LEES  
 Bryan ORROCK  
 Tommy RYAN  
 Billy WILSON

### Goals

Doug FLEMING (4)

George BAIN (1)

### Match Description

**St George:** Full-back: D Fleming; three-quarters: R Kite, M Lees, K O'Brien, T Ryan; five-eighth: R Bugden; half: J Horsley; forwards: S pert, N Provan, B Wilson, H Melville, B Orrock, K Kearney (c)

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: G Bain; three-quarters: J Thompson, D Meehan, H Wells (c), E Hills; five-eighth: D Henry; half: K Holman; forwards: K O'Shea, W Carson, N Charlton, M Patch, B Goff, R Watson **Referee: J O'Connor (The Sun 5th May 1956)**

St George Rugby team, in its most impressive display this season, yesterday overwhelmed Western Suburbs at Kogarah Oval. St George won 27-2 scoring seven tries to nil in a masterful display. St George, holding a shaky 6-2 lead at the interval, staged a magnificent second-half rally. Wests, which had looked a strong danger early in the match, surrendered to St George's fierce attacks. ...Following two unlucky 11-14 defeats in recent rounds West was considered likely to give St George a testing time. But the West line-up did not give its supporters any real hope of victory. Test centre Harry Wells was severely troubled by his leg-muscle injury. Wells had played no football for a month after he suffered a pulled leg muscle against Newtown at Sydney Cricket Ground. Yesterday he could not stretch out in his old style. After the match Wells said he would not play again for at least two weeks. Test five-eighth Darcy Henry was unusually subdued in attack. St George's ever-menacing lock Sid Pert gave Henry limited room in which to move. **(Sunday Telegraph 6th May 1956)**

St George Rugby League team gave the rebuilt Western Suburbs side its worst beating of the season at Kogarah Oval yesterday. Scoring seven tries to nil, St George won 29-2. It was Wests' fifth successive defeat in seven matches. St George led only 6-2 at half-time, but piled on points in two separate bursts in the second half. In each of these bursts St George two converted tries. At no stage did Wests look a good team. The backs lacked penetration, while the forwards, with the exception of Mark Patch, had no fire. In contrast, St George provided a great exhibition of football. Every man played well, and the understanding between forwards and backs was faultless. Time and time again the ball swung from one side of the field to the other as the St George team launched constant attacks. Outstanding player for St George was prop-forward Bryan Orrock. He dominated the forward play during the first half when the game was tight, and in the second half continually opened up play. Orrock is practically assured of a place in the City First team. Another to impress yesterday was St George centre Merv Lees. Lees was dangerous every time he handled the ball and made several thrilling runs. He combined well with the other centre, Kevin O'Brien, and five-eighth Bob Bugden. After the match, St George coach Norm Tipping forecast the team would develop into a premiership winning combination. "Every man in the team is now playing at his top and we will be a very hard side to beat," he added. Test centre Harry Wells made an inconspicuous return to club football in the Wests' team. At no stage did he stretch out, and for a time in the second half he played on the wing. He said after the match that his injured leg, which had kept him out for three weeks, had troubled him. Test second row forward, Norm Provan, of St George, will be X-rayed today for a suspected broken cheek-bone. **(Sun-Herald 6th May 1956)**

**Notes:** St George dominated the play from the start in what was a very disappointing performance by Wests. Harry Wells admitted after the match that he shouldn't have played and would have another two weeks off. Darcy Henry was very quiet and the Wests forwards also had a subdued match. Bobby Bugden highlighted Darcy Henry's poor performance with a very dominating display.