



## 1960 Round 8 Sunday 22nd May Sports Ground



### St George 39

Brian GRAHAM  
 Dave BROWN  
 Reg GASNIER  
 Johnny RILEY  
 Eddie LUMSDEN  
 Brian CLAY  
 Bobby BUGDEN  
 John RAPER  
 Monty PORTER  
 Norm PROVAN  
 Kevin BROWN  
 Ken KEARNEY (c)  
 Bill WILSON

def.

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

### Western Suburbs 6

Darcy RUSSELL (c)  
 Ian MOIR  
 Harry WELLS  
 Bill BROWN  
 Dave BARSLEY  
 Arthur SUMMONS  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Kel O'SHEA  
 John CONNA  
 Garry RUSSELL  
 Denis MEANEY  
 Bede GOFF  
 Nev CHARLTON



#### Tries

Dave BROWN (3)  
 Eddie LUMSDEN (3)  
 Reg GASNIER (2)  
 Kevin BROWN

#### Goals

Brian GRAHAM (6)

Darcy RUSSELL (3)

#### Match Description

**St George:** Full-back: B Graham; three-quarters: D Brown, R Gasnier, J Riley, E Lumsden; five-eighth: B Clay; half: R Bugden' forwards: J Raper, N Provan, M Porter, K Brown, K Kearney (c), W Wilson

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Russell (c); three-quarters: I Moir, H Wells, W Brown, D Barsley; five-eighth: A Summons; half: K Holman; forwards: K O'Shea, G Russell, J Conna, D Meaney, B Goff, N Charlton **Referee: D Lawler (as per program Rugby League News 21-22nd May 1960 + changes Sunday Telegraph 22nd May 1960)**

..Wests reshuffled its pack after last Sunday's loss to East. It replaced lock Doug Jones with Buddy Bowman. Bowman since has withdrawn and Kel O'Shea has moved to lock. John Conna comes into the second-row spot vacated by O'Shea. Slightly built Wests' five-eighth Arthur Summons faces his biggest test since switching from Union at the start of this season when he clashes with rugged Brian Clay today. Summons, one of the most elusive five-eighths in Sydney has the speed to beat Clay, but sheer strength could decide the issue. Wests' unlucky winger Ian Moir could make the Combined Sydney team if he scores a couple of tries today. **(Sunday Telegraph 22nd May 1960)**

St George Rugby League team yesterday returned to its best "grand final" form. St George defeated Western Suburbs 39-6 at the Sports Ground. The win and Manly's loss to Canterbury put St George at the top of the competition ladder. St George has been slow to swing into top form this season. Yesterday's display removes any doubt about the side's capabilities. The team now looks set for its fifth successive premiership. No side in Sydney is capable of anything like the form St George showed yesterday. It defeated Wests with speed and backing up. All St George movements started with the forwards and finished with the backs. Backs scored eight of St George's nine tries. Wests lost second-rower Garry Russell with a badly gashed nose 10 minutes after half-time. Darcy Russell tore a hamstring muscle in the first half but he stayed in the game. St George had outclassed Wests long before these injuries occurred. Forwards and backs combined splendidly to slash their way through Wests' shallow defence. St George players' ability to position themselves to make the most of a teammate's run, was a big factor in their success. A white-jerseyed player always seemed to be there to take a pass when a Wests' tackler moved in. Some of the former Test players who have been missing from representative matches were the stars of yesterday's game. St George five-eighth Brian Clay was outstanding. He gave West's Arthur Summons a lesson in constructive five-eighth play. Forwards Billy Wilson and Norm Provan played close to their top form. New lock John Conna made several impressive runs. He spoilt his display when he failed to look for support. Wests' front-rower Neville Charlton played well below his recent good form. Gasnier, Lumsden and lock Johnny Raper, who played for NSW on Saturday, were among St George's best yesterday. Gasnier probably gave his best display since returning from the Kangaroo tour. Young winger Dave Brown is showing all the potential St George officials expected of him. His three tries had a stamp of class on them. **Daily Telegraph 23rd May 1960)**

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**Notes:** Wests had to reshuffle their team yet again to accommodate injuries; O'Shea to lock and John Conna to the second-row. Brian Clay gave Arthur Summons an early Rugby League lesson but the big St George pack laid the foundations for their speedy backs to dominate. Nev Charlton was still feeling the effects of niggling injuries. Three losses out of last four after winning the first four was putting a dampener on the season.