1951 Round 8 Saturday 26th May Pratten Park

St George 26   def.   Western Suburbs 16

Doug FLEMING	*Fullback*	Jack RUDD
Noel PIDDING	*Wing*	George BAIN
Tom RYAN	*Centre*	Jack FITZGERALD
Matthew MCCOY	*Centre*	Bob DIMOND
Ron ROBERTS	*Wing*	Pat LEAL
Johnny HAWKE (c)	*Five-eighth*	Frank STANMORE
Ted GLOSSOP	*Half*	Keith HOLMAN (c)
Noel MULLIGAN	*Lock*	Keith CULLEN
Norm PROVAN	*Second Row*	Kevin HANSEN
Ross FIELDER	*Second Row*	Arthur COLLINSON
Jack HOLLAND	*Front Row*	Don STAIT
James DAWSON	*Hooker*	Alan HORNERY
Harry MELVILLE	*Front Row*	Bill HORDER

Tries	Ross FIELDER	George BAIN
	Jack HOLLAND	Arthur COLLINSON
	Matthew McCOY	
	Norm PROVAN	
Goals	Noel PIDDING (7)	George BAIN (5)

Match Description
Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Rudd; three-quarters: P Leal, R Dimond, J Fitzgerald, G Bain; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: K Holman (c); forwards: K Cullen, A Collinson, K Hansen, W Horder, A Hornery, D Stait
St George: Full-back: D Fleming; three-quarters: N Pidding, M McCoy, T Ryan, R Roberts; five-eighth: J Hawke (c); half: E Glossop; forwards: N Mulligan, N Provan, R Fielder, J Holland, E Dawson, H Melville   **Referee: G Bishop**   **(Rugby League News 23rd June 1951)**

Rugby League referee George Bishop yesterday sent off five players during the St. George-Western Suburbs match. Four were sent off for brawling, and one for having punched a rival. St. George won 26-16 after having led 12-8 at half-time. The match was played at Pratten Park, Western Suburbs home ground. The four sent off for brawling were St George captain and coach Johnny Hawke his team-mate E Glossop. and Western Suburbs players J Rudd and K Cullen. They were sent off midway through the second half. Hawke had passed the ball infield to Tom Ryan near half-way when Wests' full-back Rudd tackled Hawke as he gathered the ball. Both went to the ground together, got up and began fighting. Glossop and Cullen came into the fighting and for a few seconds punches were freely thrown. Both touch judges ran in, stopped the fighting and reported the incident to referee Bishop who sent the four players off. Ten minutes earlier, St. George full-back Don Fleming was sent off for punching and knocking out Wests' lock- forward Cullen. Cullen was one of the four players later sent off the field for brawling. Noel Pidding who went from the wing to full-back to replace Fleming kicked seven goals for St George from 11 attempts. Wests' new winger George Bain scored a brilliant try and kicked five goals. Breaches by both sides marred the match in the first half. 22 penalties were given, 14 to Wests and eight to St George. In the second half Wests got to within one point at St George 13-14 after forward A Collinson had scored for Bain to goal. Wests kept attacking and looked dangerous on several occasions but a lucky bounce turned the tide in favour of St George. From a scrum won by Wests in St George's half, Keith Holman kicked over the St George backs. The ball bounced sideways away from following West centres into St George winger Ron Roberts. Roberts got a clear run to Wests' 25, sent the ball to Hawke to McCoy to Jack Holland who scored in the corner. Shortly afterwards, Stanmore reverse-passed to Holman to Fitzgerald, back to Holman to Stanmore to Bain, who scored near the corner flag. This try brought Wests again within striking distance 16-19. Bad handling nullified several Wests' passing rushes. Hawke gathered a lost ball in one of these rushes, the brawl began and the four players were sent off. Both teams were rearranged. Noel Mulligan went from lock -forward to half and Tom Ryan from centre to five-eighth for St George. For West centre R Dimond went to full-back. Pidding added two more goals for St. George before the final bell. **(The Daily Telegraph 27th May 1951)**

A quick rise has been made by full-back, Jack Rudd, who last year played junior football and after three games in third grade and the same number in reserve grade, has been chosen as our First Grade full-back. Jack has been coached along by Billy Keato, and he certainly has proved an apt pupil. **(Rugby League News 26th May 1951)**

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Notes: This match was highlighted by a heavy penalty count, some very ugly tackling and eventually five players, three from St George (Doug Fleming, Johnny Hawke, Ted Glossop) and two from Wests (Jack Rudd and Keith Cullen) being sent off. Jack Rudd had made a rapid rise from the Juniors in 1950 and stood toe-to-toe with Kangaroo, Johnny Hawke, which eventually led to an all-in brawl. There had been a week's rest for the Test against the French but Wests still wilted late under the forward onslaught, led by a 19 year-old, Norm Provan, making his debut.