



1955 Round 8 Sunday 5th June Redfern Oval



St George 18

Doug FLEMING
 Ross KITE
 Geoff WEEKES
 Mervyn LEES
 Kevin O'BRIEN
 Billy McNAMARA
 Robert BUGDEN
 Sid PERT
 Harry MELVILLE
 Brian HENDERSON
 Kevin BROWN
 Ken KEARNEY (c)
 Brian ORROCK

def.

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

Western Suburbs 5

John BREST
 Barry OWEN
 Jack FITZGERALD
 Percy WILLIAMSON
 Bill BAILEY
 Bill BROWN
 Bob TUCKER
 Nev CHARLTON (c)
 Bill OWENS
 Bill CARSON
 John HARRISON
 Hec FARRELL
 Eddie HOOPER



Tries Geoff WEEKES (2)
 Merv LEES
 Billy McNAMARA

Bill CARSON

Goals Doug FLEMING (3)

John BREST (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Brest; three-quarters: W Bailey, J Plater, P Williamson, B Owen; five-eighth: W Brown; half: R Tucker; forwards: N Charlton, W Owens, W Carson, J Harrison, H Farrell, E Hooper

St George: Full-back: D Fleming; three-quarters: R Kite, M Lees, G Weekes, K O'Brien; five-eighth: W McNamara; half: R Bugden; forwards: S Pert, B Melville, B Henderson, B Orrock, K Kearney (c), K Brown **Referee: F Erikson (as per program Rugby League News 5th June 1955 + changes re newspaper article).**

St George yesterday defeated Western Suburbs in a ragged game at Redfern Oval. St George won, 18-5, after leading 8-3 at half-time. Almost the entire playing field was water-logged and some puddles were more than six inches deep. Only 1187 watched the match. St George centre Geoff Weekes was the best player on the field. He handled the slippery ball well and showed amazing speed to score two tries. Wests attacked strongly in the first half and second-row forward Bill Carson scored a quick try. With brilliant runaway tries centres Geoff Weekes and Merv Lees gave St George the lead. St George played too well for Wests in the second half. Weekes scored another try and five-eighth Bill McNamara forced his way over for his first try in First Grade. **(The Daily Telegraph 6th June 1955)**

Despite the heavy conditions, the St George Rugby League backs played the biggest part in their team's 18-5 win over Western Suburbs at Redfern yesterday. Outstanding St George back was Geoff Weekes, who scored two tries and helped to make a third. Weekes was making only his third first-grade appearance. Both teams surprisingly tried to keep the game open, and there was almost a complete absence of forward sorties. St George missed hooker Ken Kearney. McIntyre, who substituted for him, was beaten for the ball by a 2-1 margin in the first half, but did better later. St George lock-forward Pert revelled in the hard going, and his cover defence was good. Wests' half-back proved a worthy substitute for Keith Homan. Lock Nev Charlton was the side's outstanding forward. **Sydney Morning Herald 6th June 1955)**

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Notes: This was another Sunday match, this time played at Redfern Oval. Even so, the entire field was water-logged but, surprisingly, both teams tried to play open football. The St George forwards handled the conditions better, although it was the centre, Geoff Weekes, who scored two good tries. Hec Farrell again won the scrums convincingly but Wests obviously missed Holman's presence around the scrum base. Percy Williamson from Macksville, made his debut.