



1955 Round 9 Monday 13th June North Sydney Oval



North Sydney 33

def.

Western Suburbs 11

Alan ARKEY
 Tom PIERCE
 George MARTIN
 Bob SULLIVAN (c)
 Horrie TOOLE
 Alf MADDEN
 Jim GILLON
 Peter DIVERSI
 Barry JACKSON
 Cec WATERS
 Don EVENDEN
 Norm STRONG
 Barry FRASER

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

John BREST
 John THOMPSON
 Jim PLATER
 Percy WILLIAMSON
 Barry OWEN
 Bill BROWN
 Keith HOLMAN (c)
 Nev CHARLTON
 Bill CARSON
 Pat HYDE
 Eddie HOOPER
 Hec FARRELL
 John HARRISON



Tries

George MARTIN (2)
 Cec WATERS
 Horrie TOOLE
 Barry JACKSON
 Barry FRASER
 Jim GILLON

John THOMPSON

Goals

Alan ARKEY (6)

John BREST (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Brest; three-quarters: J Thompson, J Plater, P Williamson, B Owens; five-eighth: W Brown; half: K Holman (c); forwards: N Charlton, W Carson, P Hyde, J Harrison, H Farrell, E Hooper

North Sydney: Full-back: A Arkey; three-quarters: H Toole, G Martin, R Sullivan (c), T Pierce; five-eighth: A Madden; half: J Gillon; forwards: P Diversi, B Jackson, C Waters, L Hudson, N Strong, D Evenden **Referee: J O'Brien (as per program Rugby League News 13th June 1955)**

North Sydney proved too fast and too well-conditioned for Western Suburbs in Rugby League at North Sydney Oval yesterday. After trailing 6-11 at half-time, it won 33-11, scoring seven tries to Wests' one. Wests were unfortunate to lose a winger, Barry Owens, with concussion, midway through the first half. It then lacked adequate cover defence necessary to cope with the fast North three-quarters. Excellent goal-kicking by full-back J Brest, was responsible for Wests' lead at half-time. He kicked four long-range goals from six attempts. Wests' forwards, playing very loose, offered no resistance to the bustling North pack, and Don Evenden, Cec Waters and B Jackson were quick to make use of the openings. **(Sydney Morning Herald 14th June 1955)**

Arkey misfielded a high punt on the goal-line and then recovered cleverly to find the touch-line on his own 25. Norths were again penalised for a scrum breach and Brest kicked a fine goal from about 40 yards out to open the score. Wests 2-0. From a play-the-ball, Gillon sliced past Holman and went to the line unopposed. Arkey failed to convert and it was North Sydney 3-2. Gillon gave the ball to Sullivan, on to Martin, who broke out of two head-high tackles to score wide out. Arkey again failed with the kick. Norths 6-2. Brest kicked a fine goal from wide out near the touch-line and it was Norths 6-4. Norths were again penalised from a scrum breach midway between their 25 and halfway. Brest kicked a magnificent goal, making Wests 6-all. Arkey again missed a penalty goal. Then Wests scored a brilliant try. Winger Owens crashed his way through and sent to Holman. The brilliant Test half-back ran to the North 25 and threw a long pass to Thompson who dived over in the corner with Arkey hanging on to his legs. Brest again kicked a magnificent goal. Wests 11-6. Hooper was penalised and Arkey kicked his first goal in six attempts. Wests 11-8. North Sydney began to attack strongly. Frazer made an opening and passed to Toole, who flashed across the line for a try. Arkey goaled. Norths 13-11. Waters picked up in a play-the-ball on Wests' line and dived across for a try. Arkey goaled. Norths 18-11. From half-way Strong, Waters and Pierce combined for Martin to take a one-handed pass and score his second try. Arkey goaled. Norths 23-11. Jackson added another try against a weary Wests' defence. Arkey missed the goal. Norths 26-11. Arkey kicked a penalty goal. Norths 28-11. As the full-time bell rang Frazer scored near the posts and Arkey converted. **(The Sun 13th June 1955)**

Notes: Injuries again played a hand as Barry Owen (concussion) and Hec Farrell were both injured enough to be off the field for periods. The brilliant goal-kicking of John Brest kept them in the match early but eventually Norths steam-rolled them as Wests tired. Keith Holman was back and played his usual bustling game. Barry Owen's try was as a result of a brilliant combination with Holman.