



1970 Round 4 Sunday 19th April Sports Ground



Eastern Suburbs 32

def.

Western Suburbs 16

Alan McKEAN
 Jim PORTER
 John BRASS (c)
 Ron SADDLER
 Alan CARDY
 John PEARD
 Kevin JUNEE
 Barry REILLY
 Louis NEUMANN
 Ian BAKER
 Jim MORGAN
 Peter MOSCATT
 Kevin GOLDSPIK
 John QUAYLE

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

Garry WESTON
 John ELFORD
 Roy FERGUSON
 Derek BROUWER
 Peter FLANDERS
 Tom RAUDONIKIS
 John MAXWELL
 Rod SMITH
 John BAKER
 Barry BRYANT
 John WALSH
 Ken STONESTREET (c)
 Tony ANTUNAC
 Jon CLARK



Tries

Alan CARDY
 Jim MORGAN
 Allan MCKEAN
 Jim PORTER

Roy FERGUSON (2)
 Barry BRYANT
 Ken STONESTREET

Goals

Allan MCKEAN (9)
 John BRASS (1) Field goal

Jon CLARK (1)
 Peter FLANDERS (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: G Weston; three-quarters: J Elford, R Ferguson, D Brower, P Flanders; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: J Maxwell; forwards: R Smith, J Baker, B Bryant, J Walsh, K Stonestreet (c), A Antunac

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: A McKean; three-quarters: J Porter, J Brass 9c, R Saddler, A Cardy; five-eighth: J Peard; half: K Junee; forwards: B Reilly, L Neumann, I Baker, J Morgan, P Moscott, K Goldspink **Referee: P McCarrol (Rugby League Week 25th April 1970)**

McKean turned in a sensational performance in the Tricolors 32-16 win over Western Suburbs at Sydney Sports Ground. He scored one of the best tries of the season and kicked nine goals from 10 attempts. McKean picked himself up off the ground to beat Wests practically single-handed. A swinging arm tackle from Wests' winger John Elford laid him low in the opening seconds of play. Elford received a caution for the tackle – one of the three he was to get in the match. McKean's great performance in the remaining 70 minutes has assured Easts of the match of the day next week against South Sydney. Spectators at the Sports Ground saw a "new look" from McKean in his goal-kicking methods. In the past he has been a constant source of irritation to fans with his slowness in preparing for goal kicks. Relaxing in the dressing room afterwards, McKean named Easts' coach Don Furner as the man responsible for his change of style. "Don is a tremendous kicker. We kick for lottery tickets at training and he invariably beats me," McKean said. "He has straightened me out on a few points and has emphasised the importance of getting the ball placed and away as quickly as possible." McKean's last goal yesterday carried him to 50 points for the season, the first player to reach the half-century. But it was his first half try that spectators at the game were talking about afterwards. McKean slashed through five tacklers in a run of 65 yards up the middle to put the ball down between the posts. Both teams scored four tries, but that was not a true indication of the trend of play. Easts in fact won easily after running to a 17-5 lead in the first half. They rattled on tries by McKean, Cardy and Morgan after a set-back in the fifth minute. At that point, Wests centre Roy Ferguson backed up good work inside by Antunac and Bryant to score a determined try. Wests did manage to show up some worrying defensive lapses by Easts in the second half and added tries by Stonestreet, Ferguson and Bryant. ... (Daily Telegraph 20th April 1970)

The match was not champagne football, but at least it was refreshing beer compared with Saturday's woeful, mistake-riddled spectacle at the SCG. ... Easts played well but relaxed when they seemed to have an unbeatable lead. Wests, appreciating this laxity, poured through for three tries. Wests started strongly by scoring a try and then had another disallowed in the first 12 minutes before Easts could muster their forces. Making amends for a defensive lapse when he was pushed off by hard-running Wests centre Roy Ferguson, McKean got a brilliant try himself. McKean fielded a clearing kick 70 yards out and with his step to the right evaded Tom Raudonikis' diving tackle. He then started a weaving, side-stepping run which ended with him diving over between the posts. .. Wests, with a 15-10 advantage in both the scrums and penalty count, had enough possession, but not enough football ability to win. Their attack was frequently flat-footed, making easy targets for the eager Easts' defence. .. Wests' best player was Roy Ferguson, while John Baker and Tony Antunac never stopped trying. (Sydney Morning Herald 20th April 1970)

Notes: Derek Brouwer, a North Coast import who came over from Souths, made his debut. In a very poor performance, Peter Flanders, Roy Ferguson and Barry Bryant were the only players to keep their reputations. Allan McKean's try was rated the best of the season.