



1966 Round 1 Saturday 2nd April Belmore Oval



Western Suburbs 28

def.

Canterbury-Bankstown 18



Dave BARSLEY
 John MOWBRAY
 Graham BEVAN
 Rob McGUINESS
 Peter DIMOND
 Denis PITTARD
 Pat THOMAS
 Doug PAGE
 John HAYES
 Jim CODY
 Denis MEANEY
 Noel THORNTON
 Noel KELLY (c)
 Dick PICKETT

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

Les JOHNS
 Barry SMITH
 Clive GARTNER
 Barry REYNOLDS
 Bernie DE WITT
 Leo TOOHEY
 Ross KIDD
 Roger PEARMAN (c)
 Kevin GOLDSPIK
 George TAYLFORTH
 Keith GLENN
 Barry PHILLIS
 Jim HALL

Tries

Peter DIMOND
 John MOWBRAY
 Rob McGUINESS
 Doug PAGE

Leo TOOHEY
 Barry SMITH

Goals

Dave BARSLEY (7)
 Peter DIMOND (1)

George TAYLFORTH (6)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: L Johns; three-quarters: B Smith, C Gartner, B Reynolds, B De Witt; five-eighth: L Toohey; half: R Kidd' forwards: R Pearman (c), K Goldspink, G Taylforth, K Glenn, B Phillis, J Hall

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Barsley; three-quarters: J Mowbray, R McGuinness, G Bevan, P Dimond; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: P Thomas; forwards: D Page, J Hayes, J Cody, D Meaney, N Thornton, N Kelly (c) **Referee: L Bruyeres (The Sun 2nd April 1966)**

Western Suburbs yesterday survived a determined Canterbury fightback to win the Rugby League match at Pratten Park 28-18. Brilliant open football helped Wests to a 22-2 lead at half-time. But Wests were hard-pressed in the second-half as Canterbury piled on 16 points to 6. Wests' 22 points in the first half came from four tries and five goals. Each of these tries resulted from combination and initiative. Full-back Dave Barsley and five-eighth Denis Pittard were the mainsprings in Wests' attack. Barsley constantly linked with the three-quarters, making the "extra" man in attack. Pittard initiated the attack from scrums. Lock Doug Page scored Wests' first try. He capitalised on a movement Pittard started near the half-way line. Then winger Peter Dimond scored after Barsley had made the "extra" man. Winger John Mowbray scored the third try while suffering injured ribs. Pain-stricken, he weaved his way 30 yards through Canterbury's defence and scored near the posts. Soon afterwards, ambulancemen led him from the field. Centre Rob McGuinness scored Wests' fourth first-half try. Meantime full-back Barsley kicked five goals. He landed two more in the second half. Canterbury's reversal of form in the second half was astonishing. They dominated this session. Five-eighth Leo Toohey sparked the fightback with a runaway try. Then winger Barry Smith outpaced the defence in a 30-yard dash to score in the corner. Second-rower George Taylforth contributed 12 of Canterbury's 18 points with six goals. Wests lagged towards the end of the game. **(Sunday Telegraph 3rd April 1966)**

Western Suburbs beat Canterbury-Bankstown 28-18 at Pratten Park yesterday after racing away to a commanding 22-2 lead in the first half. Wests' standard then fell away and the only addition to its score after the interval was three penalty goals. Canterbury added 16 points in the second half. Wests early scored four tries and five goals and Canterbury's only early score was two points when Wests breached the five yard rule. Wests resumed complacently but a half-time pep talk resulted in a very different Canterbury side. They quickly took initiative. Taylforth kicked a goal and in the following three minutes five-eighth Leo Toohey went over for a splendid try. Taylforth followed with two more goals and Barry Smith went in for a try. Wests could only add two points making the score 24-18. Wests added two goals in the final stages. A surprise was Canterbury's new hooker, Barry Phillis. He held the experienced Noel Thornton. Wests' winger, John Mowbray, retired near half-time with a pulled leg muscle. **(The Sun-Herald 3rd April 1966)**

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Notes: This was a game of two halves. Wests were completely dominant in the first half with four dazzling tries to lead 22-2 at half-time. Canterbury came out a different team in the second half, pouring on the points, with George Taylforth kicking six goals. It didn't help that Wests lost their main strike weapon in John Mowbray just before half-time, replaced by Dick Pickett. They eventually held on for a good first-up win.