



1966 Round 10 Sunday 19th June Belmore Oval



Canterbury 14

def.

Western Suburbs 11

Max BROWN
 Bernie De WITT
 John GREAVES
 Clive GRTNER
 Clive BRYANT
 Leo TOOHEY
 Ross KIDD
 Ron RAPER
 Kevin GOLDSPIK
 George TAYLFORTH (c)
 Bruce McKINNEY
 Col BROWN
 Merv HICKS

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

Dave BARSLEY
 John MOWBRAY
 Gil MacDOUGALL
 Rob McGUINNESS
 Roy FERGUSON
 Denis PITTARD
 Pat THOMAS
 Doug PAGE
 Bill HANSEN
 John HAYES
 Denis MEANEY
 Noel THORNTON
 Noel KELLY (c)



Tries Max BROWN
 Ron RAPER

John MOWBRAY (2)
 Dave BARSLEY

Goals George TAYLFORTH (4)

Dave BARSLEY (1)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: M Brown; three-quarters: C Bryant, C Gartner, J Greaves, B De Witt; five-eighth: L Toohey; half: R Kidd; forwards: R Raper, K Goldspink, G Taylforth (c), B McKinney, C Brown, M Hicks

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Barsley; three-quarters: J Mowbray, R McGuiness, G MacDougall, R Ferguson; half: D Pittard; half: P Thomas; forwards: D Page, J Hayes, W Hansen, D Meaney, N Thornton, N Kelly (c) **Referee: L Samuelson (as per program Rugby League News 19th June 1966 + newspaper validation)**

... The referee "called off" the game after more than 2000 spectators swarmed on to the field after the final siren sounded, applauding an apparent Canterbury victory. But as the referee and players became engulfed by the swarming spectators, Samuelson attempted to award a penalty to Wests inches from the Canterbury goal-line and in front of the posts. Samuelson later told club officials he "would leave it to the Rugby League to work it out." ... Just before the final siren sounded a scrum had gone down five yards from the Canterbury line. The referee awarded a penalty to Western Suburbs as the final siren sounded and full-back Dave Barsley kicked a high up-and-under towards the posts. Before Barsley could take the kick, the referee had to order milling spectators from the field. When Barsley kicked, Canterbury five-eighth Leo Toohey caught the ball less than a yard from his own line as a swarm of Wests' players crashed into him. With Toohey grounding the ball, a huge crowd of children and Canterbury supporters swarmed on to the field convinced that the match had ended with Canterbury winning. But referee Samuelson ruled Toohey had violated the 10-yard penalty rule by moving ahead of his own line to catch the ball. As hundreds more spectators swarmed onto the playing area players of both teams argued with the referee. Samuelson finally waved his arms above his head and shouted: "I'm calling it off." ... The announcement sparked off a series of incidents from the angry crowd. In the uproar: *Canterbury supporters attempted to molest Samuelson as he left the field escorted by three policemen and two line umpires *Spectators in the grandstand pelted empty beer cans at the referee *Seven more "police reinforcements" formed a guard to get Samuelson into the dressing room. ... While Samuelson dressed, an angry crowd of more than 300 spectators milled around the front of the stand, waiting for the referee to appear. To avert any further incidents the police decided to take Samuelson out of a back entrance to the stands. They used several pressmen as "decoys" sending them out into the crowd by the front entrance to the grandstand while six burly policemen escorted Samuelson out the back door. But a group of about 40 spectators heckled Samuelson and the police as the referee's bodyguard escorted him more than 600 yards to his car. In one of the best matches of the season Canterbury played inspired football to outclass Wests. ... (**Daily Telegraph 20th June 1966**)

Deputy chairman of Canterbury-Bankstown Rugby League club Eddie Burns said today it would be outrageous if his team was not awarded two competition points for yesterday's match against Western Suburbs. Abandonment of the game is to be discussed by the League tonight..... "We are against any move to replay the match," said Mr Burns. "We believe we won the match fairly and squarely and I think abandoning it was a sign of weakness by the referee. We were still playing two or three minutes after the final siren." ... (**The Sun 20th June 1966**)

Notes: In one of Wests' most controversial matches, referee Les Samuelson called off the match because of constant running on the field of spectators who believed Canterbury had won. Wests had a penalty near the Canterbury line and were attacking strongly, only down 14-11. The League ruled eventually there would not be a replay of the match and Wests felt they were very hard done by. To make matters worse, Noel Kelly, backing up from a Test match against Britain the day before, injured a shoulder which would keep him out of the next Test match on the following Saturday. Dave Barsley had an off-day with the boot and this was most probably the deciding factor.