



1964 Round 10 Saturday 20th June Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 20

def.

Balmain 5

Ken BRAY
 John MOWBRAY
 Gil MacDOUGALL
 Rob McGUINESS
 Peter DIMOND (c)
 Roy FERGUSON
 Don MALONE
 Doug PAGE
 John HAYES
 Jim CODY
 Denis MEANEY
 Ken OWENS
 Brian KOWALD
 John ARMSTRONG

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

Peter KELLY
 Col SANDERCOCK
 Brian DUNLOP
 Peter JONES
 Bob RIDLEY
 Bill BISCHOFF (c)
 Laurie FAGAN
 Dave COOPER
 Bob BOLAND
 Ron CLOTHIER
 Harry RAVEN
 Dick WILSON
 George PIPER
 Doug MOORE

Tries Peter DIMOND (2)
 John ARMSTRONG
 John MOWBRAY

Brian DUNLOP

Goals Ken BRAY (4)

Peter KELLY (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: J Mowbray, R McGuiness, G MacDougall, P Dimond (c); five-eighth: R Ferguson; half: D Malone; forwards: D Page, J Hayes, J Cody, D Meaney, K Owens, B Kowald

Balmain: Full-back: P Kelly; three-quarters: C Sandercock, B Dunlop, P Jones, R Ridley; five-eighth: W Bischoff (c); half: L Fagan; forwards: D Cooper, R Boland, R Clothier, H Raven, R Wilson, G Piper **Referee: J Bradley (The Sun 20th June 1964)**

Two spectacular second-half tries by Kangaroo Rugby League winger yesterday inspired Western Suburbs to a 20-5 win over Balmain at Pratten Park. Wests overcame a 16-3 deficit in the scrums to demoralize Balmain in the second half after leading 6-3 at half-time. Dimond's first try in the 10th minute of the second half proved the turning point of the match. Dimond ran 75 yards down the touchline, beating a tackle by Balmain full-back Peter Kelly. Up to that point in the second half Balmain had done most of the attacking and had pinned Wests in its own territory. Dimond's try transformed Wests' lead to a healthy 9-3 and inspired the side, which gradually gained the upper hand. Wests' win stopped the winning streak of the Balmain side. Before yesterday's match Balmain had been equal second in the competition on 14 points, nine points ahead of Wests, who were seventh. The win came as a surprise because Wests went into the match with a reshuffled pack after Noel Kelly and Jack Gibson had withdrawn. After a scrappy first half Wests played some brilliant second-half football. The forwards worked tirelessly to subdue the heavy Balmain pack. Balmain's Dick Wilson advanced claims for selection as hooker in the State team to go to Queensland. Wilson thrashed West's Ken Owens in the scrums and allowed Wests only three scrums – two in the first half and one in the second. From this one scrum in the second half winger Peter Dimond scored his second try after left-winger John Mowbray made the extra man in a backline movement which covered 60 yards. Mowbray had a fine game, and apart from making Dimond's try, scored a brilliant solo try himself. **(Sunday Telegraph 21st June 1964)**

Western Suburbs staged a storming finish to defeat Balmain convincingly at Pratten Park yesterday. Wests were never headed and thoroughly deserved to beat lethargic Balmain. Plenty of credit must go to Peter Dimond, Wests' Captain. Dimond scored a try at a vital stage to send Wests on its winning way. After 10 minutes of the second half, Wests ahead 6-3, it was still anyone's match. Then Dimond took off to touchdown after a 75 yards run and Wests shifted to top gear. A malingering Balmain won a lion's share of the ball, but failed to capitalise. ... Wests were without Noel Kelly, team captain and international prop who had a bruised thigh and influenza. Jack Gibson, the other prop, was also out with the flu. Gil MacDougall, Wests' centre, and Bob Ridley, Balmain centre, stayed off after the first half. MacDougall became ill in the dressing room at half-time and Ridley suffered a badly bruised chest in the first half. After Dimond scored his first try, Wests' forwards got right on top and paved the way for victory. Denis Meaney and Jim Cody stood out at this stage. Meaney made one burst along the sideline of about 40 yards before passing to Mowbray, the winger, who scored handy to the posts. From then on it was all Wests. ... **(Sunday Mirror 21st June 1964)**

Notes: Wests had to reshuffle their team when Noel Kelly and Jack Gibson both pulled out with flu. Ken Owens went to hooker and Brian Kowald replaced Jack Gibson. Gil MacDougall became very ill at half-time and was replaced by John Armstrong who scored a try in the second half. The star of the match was acting captain, Peter Dimond, whose powerhouse running broke Balmain apart in the second half. He scored a beauty after a 75 yard run. The Wests forwards got completely on top in the second half to beat the in-form Balmain. It was a great effort in the circumstances.