

1958 Round 12 Sunday 6th July Sports Ground

Eastern Suburbs 14 def. Western Suburbs 6

Tony PASKINS (c) **Fullback** Darcy RUSSELL (c) **Brian ALLSOP** John THOMPSON Wing Barry O'CONNELL Don MALONE Centre Centre Ken Van KEEKEREN Peter DIMOND Ray BEAVEN Wing Bernie KELLY Don BURGE Five-eighth **Darcy HENRY** Colin WELLS Doug CAMERON Half **Bob HEFFERNAN** Lock Donald HARRISON John MUDGE Second Row **Brian SHANNON** Jack GIBSON Second Row Jack BOWMAN **Bob BRENNING** Front Row Mark PATCH Ken ASHCROFT Hooker Bede GOFF Front Row **Nev CHARLTON** Terry FEARNLEY

Tries Ray BEAVAN

Brian ALLSOP

Goals Tony PASKINS (4) Darcy RUSSELL (3)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: Tony Paskins; three-quarters: B Allsop, K Van Heekeren, B O'Donnell, R Beavan; five-eighth: D Burge; half: D Cameron; forwards: B Heffernan, J Mudge, J Gibson, B Brenning, K Ashcroft, T Fearnley

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: J Thompson, D Malone, P Dimond, B Kelly; five-eighth: D Henry; half: K Holman; forwards: D Harrison, B Shannon, J Bowman, N Charlton, B Goff, M Patch

Referee: F Erickson (as per program Rugby League News 6th July 1958 + team changes Sydney Morning Herald 7th July 1958)

Eastern Suburbs gained the match-of-the-day against St George at SCG next Saturday with a 14-6 win over Western Suburbs in a bitterly contested match at the Sports Ground yesterday. The match produced some of the roughest club football of the season and referee F Erickson handed out eight cautions for illegal play. Erickson himself must take a share of the blame for the excessively rough play because of his lax control of the match. He did give cautions - mainly on the report of his touch judges - but he should never have allowed the play to develop as it did. Both teams finished a man short - Easts lost half-back Doug Cameron with a badly jarred right knee and Wests its five-eighth, Darcy Henry, after he had been knocked out in a tackle. Both were carried off the field within a few minutes of each other during a torrid period of play late in the second half. Henry was first to be injured, and while he was being attended to on the sidelines Cameron was hurt. Ambulance officers at first thought Cameron's leg was broken and bound it up in splints before carrying him off the field. Two doctors examined Cameron and told club officials they were sure his leg was not broken. In addition to these two players, Test winger Peter Dimond, who flew from Brisbane to play with Wests, dislocated a finger in the second half and played more than 15 minutes with two fingers of his left hand strapped together. Easts, with its forwards dominating the "tough" play and with full-back Tony Paskins brilliant in attack, deserved its win over Wests and the reward of playing its next match at the SCG. The Easts forwards laid the foundation for the win. They softened up the opposing forwards with full-blooded tackles and bumping runs from the rucks. Easts' outstanding player was full-back and captain Tony Paskins. Paskins made several glorious runs, completely fooling the defence with a subtle change of pace or switch of direction. The highlight of his play was one brilliant break-through in which he ran 70 yards and, as he was tackled a few yards short of the Wests' line, slipped the ball to winger Ray Beavan to score. To cap this effort Paskins converted the try from 30 yards out and on the sideline. The try came when Easts led 9-4 and put the result of the match beyond doubt. Easts had led 7-2 at half-time after a fine try by left-winger Brian Allsop from a movement started by Paskins. Best player for Wests was Test winger Peter Dimond, who made several long crashing runs and defended strongly. In the forwards, Buddy Bowman, Nev Charlton and promoted lock Don Harrison worked hard. The crowd was 11,760. (Sydney Morning Herald 6th July 1958)

....Minutes from time, Wests' Secretary Lou Moses tried to revive West five-eighth Darcy Henry to get Henry back into a fierce finish. Henry had concussion and was carried unconscious from the field after a hammering tackle two minutes earlier. While Moses walked Henry up and down the sideline trying to clear his head, ambulance men worked over Easts' half-back Doug Cameron on the field. Although Moses waved former Wests' coach Jack Walsh from the field when Walsh went to help him with Henry, Moses could not get Henry back into the match. Wests, without Keith Holman and Kel O'Shea, failed to cross Easts' robustly defended try-line. Wests' bulky forwards Nev Charlton and Mark Patch were impressively handled by East's second-rowers Mudge and Jack Gibson. (Daily Telegraph 7th July 1958)

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Notes: Eight cautions were handed out in a rough and tough match. The Easts' forwards out-muscled the Wests' pack but Wests were not helped with Darcy Henry being heavily concussed. Peter Dimond, however, had a smashing match with many barging runs and crushing tackles. Bowman and Charlton also toiled hard in the forwards.