



1961 Round 17 Saturday 12th August Cricket Ground



Western Suburbs 21

def.

Manly-Warringah 10



Harry WELLS (c)
 Dave BARSLEY
 Bill BROWN
 Bill MARTIN
 Peter DIMOND
 Keith HOLMAN
 Arthur SUMMONS
 Kevin SMYTH
 Bill CARSON
 John HAYES
 Denis MEANEY
 Noel KELLY
 Nev CHARLTON

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

Ron WILLEY
 Brian ALLSOP
 Bobby THOMSON
 Ray QUINNELL
 Bob BATTY
 Barry O'CONNELL
 Peter BURKE
 Jack SINCLAIR
 Barney McEVOY
 Peter DIVERSI
 Rex MOSSOP (c)
 Fred JONES
 Bernie SEYMOUR

Tries Peter DIMOND (2)
 Dave BARSLEY
 Denis MEANEY
 Bill MARTIN

Brian ALLSOP
 Bob BATTY

Goals Keith HOLMAN (3)

Ron WILLEY (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: H Wells (c); three-quarters: D Barsley, W Martin, W Brown, P Dimond; five-eighth: K Holman; half: A Summons; forwards: K Smyth, J Hayes, W Carson, D Meaney, N Kelly, N Charlton

Manly- Warringah: Full-back: R Willey; three-quarters: B Allsop, R Quinnell, R Thomson, B Batty; five-eighth: B O'Connell; half: P Burke; forwards: J Sinclair, B McEvoy, P Diversi, R Mossop (c), F Jones, B Seymour **Referee: C Brown (The Sun 12th August 1961)**

Not sweet vio-lets, but sweet vio-lence – that was Wests' attitude from kick-off to full-time at the SCG yesterday. It paid off, too, because they beat Manly-Warringah by 21 points to 10. The billionaires skinned the Seagulls before 21,000 fans. Wests had a mortgage of the ball from the beginning to end. Manly had to chase their foes as though they were the Scarlet Pimpernels of the football field. Wests began the game with a vicious onslaught. I thought I heard their man-eating forward Nev Charlton turning to the players at the kick-off and saying: "Altogether boys. Today it's not sweet violets, it's sweet vio-lence." Harry Wells, their captain, looking fat and 40, took the field with his right leg swathed in bandages. He resembled a thoroughbred racehorse in retirement. But the moment the ball was kicked off, Wells joined in the assault. Although he was obviously out of condition, he played his part in Wests' victory. Wests, indeed, nearly swallowed the ball with possession from the scrums. The Seagulls were confident they would throw the Billionaires. But all they could do was to flutter back to the Harbord last evening with two shots under their tail. The shots were the regrettable shoulder injuries to their two ace players – Peter Diversi and Jack Sinclair. ... In fact, Manly played better in the second half without Diversi. Their display in the first half was surprisingly poor. The result was never in doubt. This was due to Test hooker Noel Kelly's success in the scrums. He won 12 out of 18 in the first half, and it is an old axiom the team that chases the ball cannot win the match. ... In the first half, Bob Batty, their winger raced on for 75 yards to score between the posts, seven minutes before half-time. The second try came 20 minutes from the end when the other Manly winger, Brian Allsop, raced on for 90 yards nearly the full length of the field, to score, also between the posts. These two tries, with conversions by Ron Willey, gave Manly-Warringah their 10 points. Right from the kick-off, Wests swooped down on the fold in a paralysing burst of chain-passing. Nev Charlton was their spearhead – but in nearly every raid the whole team handled the ball. After 26 minutes Holman bumped off O'Connell, sent a long pass to winger Barsley, who took the ball on his fingertips at top speed. Swerving inside Willey, he simply flew to the line to score first try. Four minutes before half-time Wells raced 40 yards through the Manly throng. When he was tackled, Denis Meaney, who played a grand game, gathered the ball and raced through to score between the posts. Wests enjoyed the lead 8-5 at half-time. Wests gave Manly no respite on resumption. Again and again they stormed the line in a wave of chain-passing until Peter Dimond raced over in the corner for a try that gave Wests a lead of 11-5. It was all over bar the shouting. ... Wests continued to play as though they intended to sew it right up. In the last five minutes they scored two tries. The first, which clinched the result, came four minutes before the bell. Arthur Summons sent Dimond racing to the corner for his second try. Another Western breeze of swift passing and Bill Martin raced over for the fifth try. The full-time bell rang as Holman converted. Wests' best player was the old battle-horse Nev Charlton. ... **(Sunday Mirror 13th August 1961)**

Notes: Manly lost both Peter Diversi and Jack Sinclair to injuries and this allowed Noel Kelly to dominate in the scrums. Harry Wells played only half-fit, with a bandaged knee, but still played an important role. Nev Charlton led the forward charges but the ball was spun wide after these charges, allowing the wingers, Dimond and Barsley, and centre Bill Martin to score four tries. Wests scored two tries in the last three minutes to put the game away.