



1964 Round 17 Saturday 15th August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 22

def.

Canterbury-Bankstown 16

Ken BRAY
John ARMSTRONG
Rob McGUINESS
Gil MacDOUGALL
Peter DIMOND
Roger BUTTENSCHAW
Don MALONE
Kevin SMYTH
John HAYES
Garry RUSSELL
Denis MEANEY
Noel KELLY (c)
Ken OWENS

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

Les JOHNS (c)
Johnny GREAVES
Roger PEARMAN
Terry JOHNSTON
Bernie De WITT
Ray GARTNER
Dennis WARD
Kevin GOLDSPIK
Ralph HARDING
Don HOBSON
Kevin NEAL
Col BROWN
Ken DAWSON

Tries

John HAYES
Denis MEANEY

John GREAVES
Dennis WARD

Goals

Ken BRAY (8)

Les JOHNS (5)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: J Armstrong, R McGuiness, G MacDougall, P Dimond; five-eighth: R Buttenshaw; half: D Malone; forwards: K Smyth, J Hayes, G Russell, D Meaney, N Kelly (c), K Owens

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: L Johns (c); three-quarters: J Greaves, R Pearman, T Johnston, B DeWitt; five-eighth: R Gartner; half: D Ward; forwards: K Goldspink, R Harding, D Hobson, K Neal, C Brown, K Dawson **Referee: L Bruyeres (The Sun 15th August 1964)**

Western Suburbs, playing well below its recent good form, scored a convincing win over Canterbury in their Rugby League game at Pratten Park yesterday. Wests, apart from some bright football early in the second half, played a scrappy game against the wooden-spooners. West scored two tries to Canterbury's one, but Ken Bray, the full-back, was the deciding factor with his outstanding kicking. Bray kicked eight goals from nine attempts. John Hayes, the Wests' second-rower, who was the driving force in the forwards, finished the match with a possible broken hand. Hayes suffered the injury in a tackle midway through the second half and was in extreme pain in the closing stages of the match. Canterbury was without Col Brown, its hooker, for most of the match. Brown left the field shortly after the kick-off with strained ligaments. The crowd of 2398 was one of the smallest of the season. A great solo try by John Hayes at the end of the first half gave Wests a 9-4 lead. Bray put Wests further ahead in the second half with two quick penalties. Wests then produced the best piece of football of the match to go to an 18-6 lead. Denis Meaney set the Wests' backline moving and, after eight players had handled the ball, it came back inside the forwards for Meaney to fall in for a try. Canterbury came back strongly and Johns, joining in the attack, ran 30 yards before passing inside to Greaves who outpaced the opposition to score. Johns, who was kicking well but with few opportunities, converted the try, making the score 18-11 in Wests' favour. Bray kicked two more penalties to take the score to 22-11 before Canterbury made another bid for victory. **(Sunday Mirror 16th August 1964)**

Splendid goal-kicking by full-back Ken Bray was the deciding factor in Western Suburbs' 22-16 win over Canterbury at Pratten Park yesterday. Each side scored two tries, but Bray kicked 8 goals from 10 attempts; Les Johns was successful in five out of six attempts. Bray's goals were landed from everywhere and from distances up to half-way. Wests were the more impressive side and spent long periods in Canterbury's territory. The teams were four-all till just on half-time when Wests forged ahead with a try by John Hayes. There was heated play in the forwards, but cautions by referee Laurie Bruyeres had the desired effect. One of the players to be cautioned was Denis Meaney, who played one of his best games this season. Although beaten, Canterbury were by no means disgraced. **(The Sun-Herald 16th August 1964)**

... Each team scored two tries, but by kicking eight goals against five by Canterbury full-back Les Johns, Bray won the match. The score was four-all two minutes before half-time. Then Wests' second-rower John Hayes scored a try. Receiving the ball on his own 25-yard line, Hayes had a winger beside him. Finding the defence veering to Dimond, Hayes decided to go alone. In the second half Wests ran to an 18-6 lead and appeared to have the game well in hand. Then full-back Johns sparked the Canterbury attack. He set up a try for winger Johnny Greaves and scored one himself. Half-back Dennis Ward also added a try for Canterbury. **(Sunday Telegraph 16th August 1964)**

Notes: Jim Cody was a late withdrawal, replaced by Garry Russell. Denis Meaney had his best game of the season and stood out in a lacklustre Wests' display against Canterbury, the wooden-spooners. John Hayes had also been dominant but had a suspected broken hand late in the match. He had scored a match-winning try late in the first half. Ken Bray had an on-day with the boot, landing eight out of ten from all angles and distances.