



1964 Round 3 Saturday 18th April Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 19

def.

Eastern Suburbs 16

Ken BRAY
 John MOWBRAY
 Rob McGUINNESS
 Ron COSTELLO
 Peter DIMOND
 Arthur SUMMONS (c)
 Don MALONE
 Jim CODY
 John HAYES
 John ARMSTRONG
 Jack GIBSON
 Ken OWENS
 Garry RUSSELL

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

Frank DRAKE (c)
 Bob LANDERS
 Peter GALLAGHER
 Ron SADDLER
 Don McCRAIG
 Jim MATTHEWS
 Kevin JUNEE
 Jeff SKENE
 Ron HEFFERNAN
 Terry MATTHEWS
 Ken ASHCROFT
 Terry FEARNLEY
 Nat SILCOCK

Tries John MOWBRAY (2)
 Peter DIMOND

Frank DRAKE
 Don McCRAIG

Goals Ken BRAY (5)

Bob LANDERS (5)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: J Mowbray, R McGuinness, R Costello, P Dimond; five-eighth: A Summons (c); half: D Malone; forwards: J Cody, J Hayes, D Hall, J Gibson, K Owens, G Russell

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: F Drake (c); three-quarters: R Landers, P Gallagher, R Saddler, D McCraig; five-eighth: J Matthews; half: K Junee; forwards: J Skene, R Heffernan, T Matthews, K Ashcroft, T Fearnley, N Silcock **Referee: J Jacobsen (The Daily Mirror 18th April 1964)**

A brilliant last-second try by winger John Mowbray gave Western Suburbs a 19-16 win over Easts at Pratten Park yesterday. Wests got on top early in the match but mid-way through the second half, Easts came storming back. The scores were locked at 16-all until Mowbray's breakthrough. His match-saver was the only brilliant combined movement by either side. Play was in midfield for most of the match. In open play, the forward packs were evenly matched and the game was won and lost in the backs. Ken Ashcroft, Easts' hooker, won a lion's share of the ball, but Wests' solid defence held Easts in check. John Jacobsen, the referee, kept the match flowing freely throughout. The few penalties were evenly divided. Mowbray's first try was a gem. Receiving the ball 30 yards out from Easts' line and seeing he was hemmed in by the defence, he dropped it to his toes. In a race for the ball with Frank Drake, the Easts' full-back, he dived over for a corner try. The game was fairly even at the start but Wests climbed doggedly ahead to lead 9-2 at the spell. Peter Dimond, Wests' Kangaroo winger, playing in his first competition match, scored the first try. Ken Bray, full-back, kicked five goals. With Dimond and Arthur Summons, the international five-eighth, back in the side, Wests seemed to find new purpose. Today's win was its first in the competition. Early in the second half Wests led 14-4. It looked all over – until Easts appeared to sense that Wests were easing up. Dan McCraig, Easts' winger, had the honour of scoring his team's first competition try. Bob Landers, Easts' heavyweight winger, had his kicking boots on, made many good thrusts up-field and finished the game with five goals. ... Easts levelled with Wests in the dying stages. Then, with the crowd of 5146 on its toes, Mowbray scored after six Wests' players had handled. The fans at Pratten Park were quiet and orderly yesterday. Last Saturday they caused a near riot. As the referee left the field his head was badly gashed by a beer can. Extra police were on duty this week and West officials barred children and officials from the edge of the playing area. **(Sunday Mirror 19th April 1964)**

Winger John Mowbray won the game for Western Suburbs against Eastern Suburbs at Pratten Park yesterday when he scored a try as the bell rang. The score at the time was 16-all. West had led 9-2 at half-time. As the timekeepers reached for the bell Wests threw everything into a last-minute effort. Centre Ron Costello had the ball at half-way and ran determinedly for the line. Finding himself covered on the 25, Costello in-passed to winger Peter Dimond who had come infield from the wing. The ball went next to Arthur Summons; on to Don Malone who threw a long pass to John Mowbray. The latter outpaced the defence to score in the corner. This was Mowbray's second try. His first was a brilliant effort after a run of 55 yards. Receiving the ball on half-way, Mowbray ran around two opponents and when he came to East full-back Frank Drake, kicked the ball over Drake's head. Winning the race for the ball Mowbray dribbled it over the line to score. ... **(Sunday Telegraph 19th April 1964)**

Notes: In a spectacular finish, John Mowbray scored a brilliant try after a 70-yard movement started by Rob McGuinness. The try was scored literally as the bell rang to end the match. Wests had been on top early but Easts had stormed back to make it 16-all right on full-time. Considering that Wests lost the scrums 19-6, it was a great tackling effort to stay in the match. Ron Costello made his debut in the centres for the suspended Gil MacDougall while Garry Russell filled in similarly for Noel Kelly. The match marked the debut of the young John Armstrong who had been in devastating form in the lower grades.