



# 1962 Round 1 Saturday 7th April Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 20

def.

## North Sydney 17

Don PARISH  
 Dave BARSLEY  
 Fred NORDEN  
 Kel O'SHEA (c)  
 Peter DIMOND  
 Don MALONE  
 Arthur SUMMONS  
 Kevin SMYTH  
 Garry RUSSELL  
 John HAYES  
 Denis MEANEY  
 Noel KELLY  
 Bill CARSON

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

Brian CARLSON (c)  
 Ken IRVINE  
 Denis CUBIS  
 Denis BURKE  
 Eric SLADDEN  
 Len DIETT  
 Ray LOVE  
 John GUDGEON  
 John BROWN  
 Ed MAY  
 Harold BLINKHORN  
 Norm STRONG  
 Ron POTTER

**Tries** Don PARISH (2)  
 Arthur SUMMONS  
 Garry RUSSELL

Ken IRVINE (3)

**Goals** Dave BARSLEY (4)

Brian CARLSON (4)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: D Barsley, F Norden, K O'Shea (c), P Dimond; five-eighth: D Malone; half: A Summons; forwards: K Smyth, J Hayes, G Russell, D Meaney, N Kelly, W Carson – replacements: W Brown, B Henderson

**North Sydney:** Full-back: B Carlson (c); three-quarters: K Irvine, D Cubis, D Burke, E Sladden; five-eighth: L Diett; half: R Love; forwards: J Gudgeon, J Brown, E May, H Blinkhorn, N Strong, R Potter **Referee: L Bruyeres (The Sun 7th April 1962)**

Two tries by Western Suburbs full-back Don Parish yesterday inspired a 20-17 victory against North Sydney. Wests led 9-7 at half-time. Parish's tries, one in the first half and one late in the match, were gems. Each time he swept into the backline and through the defence to score after long runs. Parish's performance overshadowed a great day for North's Test winger, Ken Irvine. Irvine scored all three of North Sydney's tries. Parish's second try, scored midway through the second half, started a spirited 15-minute onslaught by West. In this period North folded as Wests turned a 9-12 deficit into a 20-12 lead. First Parish, then second-rower Garry Russell and half-back Arthur Summons, scored in quick succession. Russell chased a penalty kick to score in the corner, and Summons scored after a 60-yard sprint. Summons joined in a great forward burst in which front-rower Bill Carson and Denis Meaney figured prominently. As Wests unfurled this period of speedy football, Norths' defence collapsed. The forwards let Wests run through them, and Wests made the most of it. Irvine showed a great combination with Norths' new five-eighth, former Union international Len Diett. .. Two of Irvine's tries came after chasing cross-kicks. In his second, Diett's long up-and-under landed in his arms as he ran through at top speed. .... Norths also missed hooker Norm Strong who, with Wests' Noel Kelly, was sent off early in the second half. Wests' captain Kel O'Shea disappointed in his new centre position. O'Shea this season switched from the second-row, at which he represented Australia. **(Sunday Telegraph 8th April 1962)**

Noel Kelly and Norm Strong, the hookers, were ordered from the field during the second half of the Rugby League match between Wests and North Sydney at Pratten Park yesterday. Kelly (Wests) was the first sent off by Laurie Bruyeres, the referee, seven minutes after the start of the half and in the next scrum Strong was given his marching orders. Both were sent off for scrum infringements. Wests won the match 20-17. ... The match was a real thriller for the crowd of 6236 which braved the miserable weather. Both sets of forwards played with the ferocity of a Test match and were always working to get the ball moving to the speedy backs. The lead in the game swayed back and forth like a pine tree in a hurricane. Five times the lead changed in the 80 minutes of play and for one period in the second half the teams were locked at 12-all. It was a great win for Wests. They were spearheaded in attack by Don Parish, who scored two beautiful tries. But the vote of thanks for winning the game must go to West's pack who played much tighter than Norths, particularly after the two hookers had been sent off. Wests were always dangerous in possession as the backs probed for openings through the inexperienced Norths' centre of Cubis and Burke. Parish's two tries resulted from his amazing speed and anticipation. The second turned the tide against Norths. Before this, Wests trailed 12-9, but Parish moved into a back-line movement and superbly gathered one-handed a high pass from Malone before out-sprinting the defence. .... **(Sunday Mirror 8th April 1962)**

**Notes:** Garry Russell returned to First Grade for this match after playing Reserves in 1961. Kel O'Shea was tried in the centres but was obviously out of position. Noel Kelly and Norm Strong were both sent off for repeated scrum infringements as part of a new crackdown which was attempting to "clean up" the scrums. Summons' try was a brilliant team effort and showed his speed as he ran away for 70 yards after Meaney and Carson had laid the groundwork. This was a very tough match with lots of cautions and injuries and was a good start to the season, considering the brilliant Ken Irvine scored three great tries.