1962 Round 10 Saturday 23rd June Cricket Ground

Western Suburbs 25

def.

North Sydney 12





Don PARISH
Dave BARSLEY
Fred NORDEN
Gil MacDOUGALL
Peter DIMOND
Roger BUTTENSHAW
Carl ROSS
Kevin SMYTH
Kel O'SHEA (c)
John HAYES
Denis MEANEY
Noel KELLY
Garry RUSSELL
Jim CODY

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

Brian CARLSON (c)
Denis BURKE
Denis CUBIS
Paul CUNEO
Eric SLADDEN
Dave HOLMAN
Ray LOVE
John GUDGEON
John BROWN
John POLLARD
Ed MAY
Norm STRONG
Bill TEASDELL

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Goals Don PARISH (5)

Brian CARLSON (3)

Match Description

Tries

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: D Barsley, F Norden, G MacDougall, P Dimond; five-eighth: R Buttenshaw; half: C Ross; forwards: K Smyth, K O'Shea (c), J Hayes, D Meaney, N Kelly, G Russell

North Sydney: Full-back: B Carlson (c); three-quarters: D Burke, D Cubis, P Cuneo, E Sladden; five-eighth: D Holman; half: R Love; forwards: J Gudgeon, J Brown, J Pollard, E May, N Strong, W Teasdell Referee: F Erickson (The Sun 23rd June 1962)

Western Suburbs Rugby League team swamped North Sydney 25-12 yesterday. Only 13,408 people – the smallest crowd this season at the Cricket Ground – watched the game. Wests, hopelessly beaten for possession from the scrums, played some fast and often spectacular football to score five tries to Norths' two. Norths' veteran hooker Norm Strong gave his team every chance of winning when he won 22 of the 27 scrums. But Norths, with cumbersome stereotype play, scored only from an intercept, and another try in the final minutes of play – which was hotly disputed by the crowd and Wests. Carlson said after the match that a Wests' forward had jerked the ball out of his arms which made it a fair try. Wests deserve full credit for their win. They lost their five-eighth Don Malone before the match with a bruised arm and had propforward Garry Russell taken off the field with an injured shoulder just before half-time. In a reshuffle in the forwards, Kel O'Shea moved into the front row and young Jim Cody, a highly promising youngster, came into the second row. The match opened on a spectacular note, with 12 points being scored in the first eight minutes for Wests to lead 7-5. Norths alert left-winger Eric Sladden darted in and made a good intercept when it seemed Wests might score and cleared away for a 75-yard try. Then Wests' left-winger Peter Dimond started off his best match of the season when he hurtled down the sideline and brilliantly kicked left-footed into the centre of the field for Norden to snatch up the ball and score. Norths' best player was half-back Ray Love who did his own tackling and some of the forwards as well. Wests centre Gil MacDougall had his best match with the club. (The Sun-Herald 24th June 1962)

... Norths were about as effective as high-spirited contestants in an egg and spoon race. It took three, four or five Norths players to stop the progress of one opponent. All together Wests scored five tries, of which four came from irresponsible tackling that never rose above the status of Bung Rulers. Tackle after tackle was brushed aside to permit the player with the ball to race on looking like a champion. At the same time, all Wests' scoring movements were efforts of superb cohesion in passing the ball and backing up. The gem was the try that front-rower Denis Meaney scored. This came from a brilliant run down the touchline by winger Peter Dimond who brushed off four tackles. The ball was switched to a fan-out of Wests' players and Meaney, who had followed up, gathered to score. Gil MacDougall, Wests' centre, also scored a superb try from cohesive football. From a scrum the ball travelled along the line for MacDougall to brush through several tackles before outpacing several players in a 40-yard race to the line. Don Parish, full-back, and Peter Dimond, winger, came through the game with merit. ... (Sunday Mirror 24th June 1962)

Notes: Garry Russell was forced off injured and was replaced by Jim Cody. Arthur Summons and Bill Carson were playing with the NSW team in Brisbane and were replaced by Roger Buttenshaw and Garry Russell. Gil MacDougall had his best match so far for Wests and was the outstanding player on the field. The win was despite another shellacking in the scrums, losing to Norm Strong 22-5. Parish and Dimond had their usual hard-running games.