

1962 Round 11 Saturday 30th June Cricket Ground

Parramatta 23 def. Western Suburbs 11

Ken THORNETT **Fullback** Don PARISH Ken FOORD Dave BARSLEY Wing Roger LUDKIN Gil MacDOUGALI Centre **Geoff WEEKES** Centre Fred NORDEN Mike JACKSON Wing Peter DIMOND Leo TOOHEY Five-eighth Don MALONE **Bobby BUGDEN** Half Carl ROSS Ron LYNCH (c) Lock **Kevin SMYTH Brian HAMBLY** Second Row Kel O'SHEA (c) Peter MATSON Second Row Jim CODY Noel DOLTON Front Row **Denis MEANEY BILL RAYNER** Hooker **Noel KELLY** Noel CORNWALL Front Row John HAYES

Tries Ken FOORD (3) Don PARISH
Mike JACKSON Noel KELLY
Brian HAMBLY Kel O'SHEA

Goals Peter MATSON (4) Dave BARSLEY (1)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: K Thornett; three-quarters: K Foord, G Weekes, R Ludkin, M Jackson; five-eighth: L Toohey; half: R Bugden; forwards; R Lynch (c), B Hambly, P Matson, N Cornwall, W Rayner, N Dolton

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: D Barsley, F Norden, G MacDougall, P Dimond; five-eighth: D Malone; half: C Ross; forwards: K Smyth, K O'Shea (c), J Cody, D Meaney, N Kelly, J Hayes Referee: C Pearce (The Sun 30th June 1962)

Three tries by winger Ken Foord – two of them intercepts – yesterday inspired Parramatta to a 23-11 Rugby League victory against Western Suburbs. Parramatta out-gunned Wests in the second half after being level 8-8 at half-time at Sydney Cricket Ground. Referee Col Pearce ordered three players from the field for continued rule infringements. He dismissed hookers Noel Kelly (Wests) and Bill Rayner (Parramatta) after a scrum ten minutes into the second half. He sent Parramatta front-rower Noel Dolton off late in the game after Dolton had charged through a ruck. Foord's phenomenal interceptions lifted Parramatta to its first win on the Sydney Cricket Ground since 1953. .. Foord scored his first try in the first three minutes of play when he loomed up on the blind side of the scrum. He took the ball 25 yards out and galloped down the right wing, jumping out of several tackles. He made his intercepts just before and just after half-time. Each time he appeared from nowhere, stretched his hands into the air and plucked the ball from what normally would have been enterprising Wests' backline rushes. Foord's ball-stealing and subsequent tries have been features of Parramatta's success this season. He has scored intercept tries in eighth of the 11 matches this season. Parramatta scored five tries to three yesterday. Wests were playing under handicap. Test men Arthur Summons and Bill Carson were in Brisbane, and five-eighth Don Malone played in a daze for most of the match. Wests played Kevin Smyth five-eighth and put Malone in the pack in the second half because he was dazed by a head-high tackle early in the match. Wests also had centre Gil MacDougall in a daze for much of the second half. These setbacks could not detract from the impressive Parramatta win. Thornett repeatedly burst downfield and hurled a long, swift pass to his winger when the defence converged on him. A long pass to winger Jackson earned Parramatta its last try when playing 11 men to 12. Thornett streaked through from near half-way, ran to the 25, and cut out several men to flash the ball to Jackson. The length and speed of the pass gave Jackson time to stride away from the opposition in a sprint inches inside the touchline. Thornett played much of the second half with a painful knee injury. He wrenched the knee soon after half-time. He was limping after the game but does not expect the injury to affect him. One pleasing feature of Wests' performance was the devastating form of second-row newcomer Jim Cody. Cody, only 18, tackled like a man possessed. He also ran strongly and figured in several bursts down the middle of the field from rucks. It is no mean feat to be able to dash through such noted forward defenders as Brian Hambly and Ron Lynch. Cody played a big hand when Wests were on top in the forwards for a period in the middle stages of the first half. In this period Wests had Parramatta's measure well and truly as Cody and big second-rower Kell O'Shea, in particular, ran determinedly. Wests added tries by hooker Kelly and second-rower O'Shea within three minutes after 25 minutes of the second half. Kelly's was a rather lucky intercept close to the line but O'Shea left the defence for dead to score his try. (Sunday Telegraph 1st July 1962)

Notes: In a very fiery game, three players were sent off; Noel Kelly and Bill Rayner for scrum infringements and Noel Dolton late in the game. Ken Foord scored two intercept tries which changed the nature of the game. Don Malone was dazed after a very heavy tackle and Kevin Smyth moved to five-eighth. Jim Cody, who was only 18 at this time, made a huge impression and gave notice of his enormous potential. Kel O'Shea also returned to his best form.

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