



# 1962 Round 14 Saturday 21st July Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 25

def.

## Balmain 5

Don PARISH  
 Fred NORDEN  
 Peter DIMOND  
 Gil MacDOUGALL  
 John MOWBRAY  
 Don MALONE  
 Arthur SUMMONS  
 Kevin SMYTH  
 Kel O'SHEA (c)  
 Jim CODY  
 Denis MEANEY  
 John ROCHESTER  
 Bill CARSON

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

John MULLINS  
 Bob MARA  
 Bill BISCHOFF (c)  
 Jack DANZEY  
 Ron MACK  
 Alan MASON  
 Laurie FAGAN  
 Graham FERGUSON  
 Ian FEARNLEY  
 Bob BOLAND  
 George PIPER  
 Dick WILSON  
 Kevin COX

**Tries** John MOWBRAY (2)  
 Peter DIMOND (2)  
 Don PARISH

Ron MACK

**Goals** Don PARISH (5)

John MULLINS (1)

### Match Description

**Balmain:** Full-back: J Mullins; three-quarters: R Mara, W Bischoff (c), J Danzey, R Mack; five-eighth: A Mason; half: L Fagan; forwards: G Ferguson, R Boland, I Fearnley, G Piper, R Wilson, K Cox

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: F Norden, G MacDougall, P Dimond, J Mowbray; five-eighth: D Malone; half: A Summons; forwards: K Smyth, K O'Shea (c), J Cody, D Meaney, J Rochester, W Carson

**Referee: D Lawler (The Sun 21st July 1962)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday established a match-winning centre combination in overwhelming Balmain 25-5 at Pratten Park. Wests had led 15-0 at half-time. Wests' centres Peter Dimond and Gil MacDougall – playing together for the first time – demoralised Balmain. Dimond scored two tries himself and played a major hand in the first try of the match, scored by winger John Mowbray. Time and again MacDougall streaked through gaps in Balmain's defence and flicked the ball to Dimond, coming through on the burst. Dimond's strength and ability to shake off tackles showed to better advantage in his new position yesterday. The partnership of MacDougall and Dimond has solved a problem which has been worrying Wests all season. Wests even tried former Test second-rower Kel O'Shea as a centre at the start of the season to try and fill the gap left by Harry Wells' retirement. Dimond's switch from the wing yesterday helped lift Wests out of a rut which had cost it two of its last three matches. Wests had far too much strength in the forwards and penetration in the backs for Balmain. Full-back Don Parish, discarded by representative selectors after his First Test failure, played a great game. Several times he joined the backline, tore through Balmain's defence, and set his centres or wingers flying. Parish scored 13 points with a try and five goals. Wests' forwards, with Kel O'Shea leading the way, outplayed their opponents and gave their backs the chances they wanted.. .... **(Sunday Telegraph July 22nd 1962)**

Shocking tackling by Balmain was the cause of their 25-5 defeat by Western Suburbs in a muddling Rugby League game at Pratten Park yesterday. Repeatedly the Balmain players were brushed aside by Peter Dimond, the ace centre, Kel O'Shea and Denis Meaney, who both played a powerful game in the forwards. Don Parish, the full-back, also repeatedly side-stepped half a dozen players before either he had passed the ball or else happened to fall into the arms of an opponent taken by surprise. Balmain's tackling was as brittle as an eggshell and the wonder is that Wests did not win by an even larger margin. Frequently Wests were able to turn defence into attack because of the spineless attempts Balmain made to stop their progress. Although Wests won easily, they did not reveal premiership form. Their game was much too loose. Their passing and handling, however, was superb and whenever they were in possession they penetrated the defence. But at times, especially when Dimond, O'Shea and Meaney broke through, they were so far downfield they had nobody backing up. The scrums were for the most part a rabble and the wonder is that referee Darcy Lawler did not send off some of the offenders. I thought Wests' new centre combination of Dimond and Gil MacDougall could, when effectively developed, become a match-winner. Dimond was the most dangerous player on the field. He scored two first-class tries. O'Shea and Meaney performed well, opening up play repeatedly with positional running and passing. Parish was brilliant in attack, but a little uncertain in defence. John Mowbray showed a rare turn of speed in scoring the first two tries for Wests. Balmain played so poorly they rarely looked like crossing the line. **(Sunday Mirror 22nd July 1962)**

**Notes:** The experiment of pairing Gil MacDougall and Peter Dimond was an instant success, with Dimond in particular thriving in the centre role. Don Parish, after having been dropped by Representative selectors, played a great game to remind them of his abilities. O'Shea and Meaney were very dominant in the forwards and Balmain had little answer to their powerful running.