1962 Round 15 Sunday 29th July Brookvale Oval

Western Suburbs 5

def.

Manly-Warringah 2





Don PARISH
Fred NORDEN
Gil MacDOUGALL
Peter DIMOND
John MOWBRAY
Don MALONE
Arthur SUMMONS (c)
Kevin SMYTH
John HAYES
Jim CODY
Denis MEANEY
Noel KELLY
Brian HENDERSON

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

Ron WILLEY (c)
Len WADLING
Brian ALLSOP
Barry O'CONNELL
Bob BATTY
Frank STANTON
Peter BURKE
Fred NELSON
Barney McEVOY
Peter DIVERSI
Rex MOSSOP
Fred JONES
Bernie CUNEO

Tries Don PARISH

Goals Don PARISH (1)

Ron WILLEY (1)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Willey (c); three-quarters: R Batty, B Allsop, B O'Connell, L Wadling; five-eighth: F Stanton; half: P Burke; forwards: F Nelson, B McEvoy, P Diversi, R Mossop, F Jones, B Cuneo

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: F Norden, G McDougall, P Dimond, J Mowbray; five-eighth: D Malone; half: A Summons; forwards: K Smyth, K O'Shea (c), J Cody, D Meaney, N Kelly, B Henderson Referee: L Bruyeres (as per program Rugby League News 28-29th July 1962 + newspaper validation)

Western Suburbs beat Manly 5-2 in an evenly contested Rugby League match at Brookvale Oval yesterday. It seemed that the match was certain to end in a two-all draw because of the solid defence by both teams. There were occasions when a move would carry play downfield for a likely try, but always two or three defenders would converge on the man with the ball. Manly had devised a plan to stop the hard-running Peter Dimond and in the main it was successful. Barry O'Connell was entrusted with the task of smothering him as soon as he gained possession. In the second half, Dimond stood deeper and it was this move which finally won the game for Wests. Near full-time he made a break from near halfway, with Mowbray in support. Parish had come up outside and, taking over the attack, scored in the corner. ... Kelly gave Wests a first half feast of the ball and Many were sorely tried in keeping them out. Manly hooker ... Newly promoted Jim Cody played the star role in Wests' mobile pack and he gave an 80-minute display of non-stop football. (Sydney Morning Herald 30th July 1962)

"I hope that's our only bad match of the year," said Coach Jack Fitzgerald after Wests Rugby League team beat Manly 5-2 at Brookvale yesterday. After a dreary first half with the scores 2-all Wests did not follow Fitzgerald's instructions to throw the ball about among the backs. Wests kept play in forwards to make the match a battle between the two packs. The second half was more interesting but Wests had a bad match. They were disjointed and lucky to win in the last few minutes. It is doubtful if Manly had ever tackled better this season. ... Manly's switch of Barry O'Connell from five-eighth to cover Peter Dimond in the centre paid off. O'Connell bottled up Dimond for most of the match. But when Dimond stood deeper in the second half he made a couple of good runs. He set up Wests' only try when he broke through from the centre two minutes before the final whistle. Dimond sent the ball to Mowbray, who ran 20 yards, then passed to Parish who scored in the corner. Dimond also started a movement which ended in MacDougall knocking on in front of the goalposts when he had no one to beat. (The Sun 30th July 1962)

A try by full-back Don Parish two minutes from the finish yesterday enabled Western Suburbs to snatch a lucky 5-2 win against Manly-Warringah at Brookvale Oval. The teams had battled through most of the match in a 2-all deadlock. Parish scored the winning try in the corner after a 70-yard movement. Centre Peter Dimond started the move with one of only two breaks the Manly defence allowed him all day. He flashed a pass to John Mowbray who juggled the ball and badly beat Manly centre Brian Allsop to carry play to Manly's line. Parish came outside Mowbray as he ran to Manly full-back Ron Willey and accepted the pass to score wide out. ... Wests' hooker Noel Kelly, returning after a one-match suspension, won the scrums and added plenty of vigour to the forward battle. (Daily Telegraph 30th July 1962)

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Notes: Although in the program, it is almost certain that Kel O'Shea didn't play in this match because of a severe dose of influenza which kept him out of the next two matches. He was replaced by John Hayes. With Jim Cody leading the forward charges Wests were too strong in the end of a closely-contested match. Coach Jack Fitzgerald conceded they had played a shocker and still got away with a win. Peter Dimond was bottled up for most of the match and the backs couldn't get going. Don Parish scored the winning try with only two minutes to go so Wests were lucky to win in the end.