1962 Round 16 Saturday 4th August Pratten Park

Western Suburbs 9 drew with Canterbury-Bankstown 9

Don PARISH	***Fullback***	Bill PETLEY
Dave BARSLEY	***Wing***	Noel COLLIE
Peter DIMOND	***Centre***	Dick PICKETT
Gil MacDOUGALL	***Centre***	Roger WARD
Fred NORDEN	***Wing***	Barry SMITH
Don MALONE	***Five-eighth***	Alan SMITH
Arthur SUMMONS (c)	***Half***	Ray GARTNER (c)
Kevin SMYTH	***Lock***	Nick EVANS
John HAYES	***Second Row***	Kevin BROWN
Jim CODY	***Second Row***	Col BROWN
Denis MEANEY	***Front Row***	Ken DAWSON
Noel KELLY	***Hooker***	Fred ANDERSON
Brian HENDERSON	***Front Row***	Pat FITZGERALD

Tries	Kevin SMYTH	Dick PICKETT
Go*als*	Don PARISH (3)	Barry SMITH (3)

Match Description
Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: W Petley; three-quarters: N Collie, R Pickett, B Smith, R Ward; five-eighth: A Smith; half: R Gartner (c); forwards: N Evans, C Brown, K Brown, K Dawson, F Anderson, P Fitzgerald
Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: D Barsley, G MacDougall, P Dimond, F Norden; five-eighth: D Malone; half: A Summons (c); forwards: K Smyth, J Hayes, J Cody, D Meaney, N Kelly, B Henderson **Referee: D Lawler (The Sun 4th August 1962)**

Two mighty second half goals by Rugby League fullback Don Parish enabled Western Suburbs to snatch a dramatic nine-all draw against Canterbury at Pratten Park yesterday Parish landed the goals from 55 and 58 yards out, both on an angle. The goals came in a 4 minute period in a quarter of an hour before full-time when Canterbury was clinging tenaciously to a 9-5 lead. Canterbury went very close to causing a major upset. Canterbury, after indifferent displays in recent weeks, showed a return to the form which enabled it to win the pre-season competition. With the use of a strong following wind in the first half, it took the initiative from Wests and held it for the majority of the game. The forwards played "English style" football with clever short passing and backing up around the rucks. The backs in the first-half made clever use of the wind. Deep-probing kicks to the corner troubled the Wests' defence throughout the half. Canterbury kept up the pressure in the second half and only in the latter stages of the match did Wests start to find gaps. Pickett's try, scored in the first half, was a gem. Front rower Fitzgerald made a solid run from well inside his own territory and gave Pickett room to move in the centre. Pickett cleverly drew the Wests' backs and gave winger Noel Collie the overlap. Collie outpaced the cover defence in a 30 yard dash. When trapped by Parish he turned the ball back inside to Pickett who scored in the corner. Wests played disappointing football for a side which is disputing the minor premiership. Its play was disjointed and loose for most of the game. One of the few bright spots was Smyth's try in the second half. This try came when Summons split the defence for Dimond to reverse to Smyth near the post. Wests' second rower John Hayes was one player who enhanced his reputation. Hayes played a non-stop game and Wests' selectors will have a problem when Kel O'Shea returns to the pack. **(Sunday Telegraph 5th August 1962)**

Western Suburbs staged a second half fight back to snatch a 9-all draw with Canterbury-Bankstown in the Rugby League match at Pratten Park yesterday. Wests were down 9-0 midway through the second half after trailing 7-0 at half-time. Two brilliant goals by Don Parish, the full-back, helped Wests to tie the scores. The first was from half way and the second from 60 yards out. Near full-time Parish failed with a comparatively easy kick which would have given Wests a win. … Shortly after the start of the second half, Smith landed another goal and Wests were in trouble. Canterbury forwards, tackling vigorously, stemmed many Wests' raids until Nick Evans, the lock forward, was carried off with an ankle injury. After five minutes, Evans returned to the field, but was of little use to Canterbury. Exploiting Canterbury's scrum base weakness Arthur Summons, the half, sent Peter Dimond racing downfield and the powerful centre was able to pass inside to Kevin Smyth who scored between the posts. Parish converted and Wests were within striking distance. Canterbury did well to stop Wests over the closing stages but Parish's two great goals clinched the draw. Wests did not look a premiership-winning combination although the draw keeps them in the race for the minor premiership. **(Sunday Mirror 5th August 1962)**

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Notes: *Don Parish kicked two magnificent goals late in this match to snatch a draw after being down 9-0. The tenacious Canterbury defence had held them for most of the day but some runs by Arthur Summons and Peter Dimond were able to get them back into the match. Don Parish chimed in regularly from full-back to give them the thrust needed.*