



1961 Round 16 Sunday 6th August Sports Ground



Western Suburbs 8

def.

Eastern Suburbs 7

Don PARISH
 Dave BARSLEY
 Bill BROWN
 Bill MARTIN
 Peter DIMOND
 Keith HOLMAN
 Arthur SUMMONS
 Kevin SMYTH
 John HAYES
 Kel O'SHEA
 Denis MEANEY
 Noel KELLY
 Nev CHARLTON (c)

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

John ANDREW
 Brian DEVINE
 Peter GALLAGHER
 Doug RICKETSON
 Bob LANDERS
 Bill MCNAMARA
 Bruce RAINIER
 Don FENTON
 Don HARDY
 Bob McDONAGH
 Jack GIBSON
 Ken ASHCROFT
 Terry FEARNLEY (c)



Tries Peter DIMOND
 Don PARISH

Bob LANDERS

Goals Keith HOLMAN (1)

Bob LANDERS (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: D Barsley, W Martin, W Brown, P Dimond; five-eighth: K Holman; half: A Summons; forwards: K Smythe, J Hayes, K O'Shea, D Meaney, N Kelly, N Charlton (c)
Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: J Andrew; three-quarters: R Landers, P Gallagher, D Ricketson. B Devine; five-eighth: W McNamara; half: B Rainier; forwards: D Fenton, D Hardy, R McDonagh, J Gibson, K Ashcroft, T Fearnley (c) **Referee: C Brown (as per program Rugby League News 5-6th August 1961 + Sunday Mirror 6th August 1961 Team Preview)**

Rugby League referee Cliff Brown yesterday ordered State front-rower Nev Charlton from the field for alleged deliberate infringement of the rules. Charlton was captaining Western Suburbs, which defeated Eastern Suburbs 8-7 in a vital match at the Sydney Sports Ground. Charlton's dismissal happened at a critical stage of the match – eight minutes from the end. He incurred a penalty in a ruck when Wests were in a desperate defensive position. Referee Cliff Brown apparently breached a rule to ease the pressure on Wests. This sort of strategy has become a practice in League, but referees have seldom taken action against it. Some experts have criticised the strategy. Many spectators in the crowd of 18,267 were puzzled at Charlton's dismissal. After the match referee Brown disclosed his charge against Charlton. Charlton tonight will appear before the NSW League Judiciary Committee. Charlton, who has played 264 matches for Canterbury and Wests, was upset after the match. He said: "This is the first time I have been ordered from the field in a club match." Wests survived a gruelling last eight minutes. Aside from losing Charlton, Wests had international full-back Don Parish limping badly on an ankle injury he suffered early in the match. A minute from the end Kel O'Shea suffered a knee injury which immobilised him. O'Shea was injured at the same time as little Keith Holman checked big Easts' winger Bob Landers five yards from the corner with a head-on tackle. That tackle – a great effort – saved Wests from defeat. Wests' victory enabled it to re-join St George at the top of the competition. Easts' defeat, its fourth in successive matches, pushed it back from third to a shaky fourth position, with only two rounds left to decide the semi-finals. Easts now share fourth place with North Sydney and Balmain, two points behind third team Manly. Easts yesterday had every chance to defeat Wests. Easts gained a 7-0 lead in the first 13 minutes and had a generous share of the ball. Hooker Ken Ashcroft defeated Noel Kelly 21-14 in the set scrums. Wests scored its points in the nine minutes before half-time. Winger Peter Dimond scored the first try, which Holman converted. Full-back Parish, who had injured his ankle in the early stages of the match, chimed into a raid to score the second try a minute before half-time. He aggravated the injury in scoring the try. Easts, because of failure to exploit Parish and lack of speed on the wings, missed a chance to win the match in a scoreless second-half. Easts, getting plenty of the ball, should have kicked to the open spaces and made Parish run. It kicked only twice – each time right into Parish's arms. Winger Landers lacked the speed to capitalise on chances centres Peter Gallagher and Doug Ricketson provided for him. **(Daily Telegraph 7th August 1961)**

Notes: Nev Charlton was sent off in this match for repeatedly being off-side to stop Easts' attacks close to the line. He was outraged, saying he had never been sent off before and it was a mis-use of the rules. Don Parish suffered an ankle injury and was limping for most of the match. Keith Holman made a crunching head-on tackle on big Bob Landers; a tackle that saved the match for them.