



1962 Round 17 Saturday 11th August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 24

def.

South Sydney 11

Don PARISH
 Dave BARSLEY
 Peter DIMOND
 Gil MacDOUGALL
 Fred NORDEN
 Don MALONE
 Arthur SUMMONS (c)
 Kevin SMYTH
 Jim CODY
 Bill CARSON
 Denis MEANEY
 Noel KELLY
 Brian HENDERSON

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

Bob HOUGH
 Greg McMILLAN
 Kevin LONGBOTTOM
 Darrel CHAPMAN (c)
 Eric ROBINSON
 Jimmy LISLE
 Bill STOKES
 Ken KAY
 Henry MORRIS
 Jack COYNE
 Ron CROWE
 Jim CHAPMAN
 Richie POWELL

Tries Peter DIMOND (4)
 Fred NORDEN
 Gil MacDOUGALL

Eric ROBINSON
 Richie POWELL
 Kevin LONGBOTTOM

Goals Don PARISH (3)

Kevin LONGBOTTOM (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: D Barsley, G MacDougall, P Dimond, F Norden; five-eighth: D Malone; half: A Summons; forwards: K Smyth, W Carson, J Cody, D Meaney, N Kelly, B Henderson

South Sydney: Full-back: R Hough; three-quarters: G McMillan, D Chapman (c), K Longbottom, E Robinson; five-eighth: J Lisle; half: W Stokes; forwards: K Kay, H Morris, J Coyne, R Crowe, J Chapman, R Powell **Referee: C Pearce (The Sun 11th August 1962)**

Peter Dimond switched successfully from centre to wing for Western Suburbs at Pratten Park yesterday. Wests beat Souths 24-11 to draw level with St George in the Rugby League competition. Wests' coach Jack Fitzgerald at half-time switched Dimond, Australia's Test centre, to his regular position on the wing. Fitzgerald had been dismayed by Wests' indifferent first-half showing. The result was four crashing second-half tries by Dimond. ... In three of his tries, Dimond pushed off, bumped off or ran through tacklers as though they did not exist. Until then, Souths were well in the match. They had led 3-0, then 6-3, and at half-time were down 6-8. But a snap try by winger Eric Robinson, after a misunderstanding by Dimond and Parish, gave Souths a 9-8 lead. Wests, who had played well below the standard expected of them, burst into life as the ball went to MacDougall, who made for Dimond's wing. With little room in which to move, Dimond raced over for the start of his try-scoring spree. Another try, five minutes later, increased Wests lead to 16-9. Souths' centre, Kevin Longbottom, landed his team's first goal from eight attempts – four by McMillan and four by himself. Dimond put the match beyond doubt when he went over for another two tries, the last one when he came infield and bumped off four tacklers. Wests' forwards yesterday played much better than they have in recent matches, with heavyweight Denis Meaney dominating the rucks with his hard running, solid tackling and effective distribution. ... **(The Sun-Herald 12th August 1962)**

Peter Dimond, brought back almost from oblivion for the Third Test against Britain, yesterday scored four tries to snatch victory for Western Suburbs by 24-11 over South Sydney at Pratten Park. The final scores gave an obvious impression that Wests virtually had a runaway win, which they did not. South actually led 9-8 in the second half and was playing superior football. But late in the game, Wests, who had been running backwards from the scrums, put on a withering attack in which Dimond scored three quick tries, adding to the try he scored in the first half. These three tries, close to full-time, the last two within three minutes of each other, quickly settled the issue in Wests' favour. Dimond scored his last two tries with sheer vigour of movement through congestion. His two other tries were the result of movements in which penetration had previously been lacking. Noel Kelly, Wests' hooker, gave his backs an abundant share of the ball and the halves gave adequate service to the supporting backs, but they either ran across the field or else backwards. It might seem that Dimond's tries gave him the honours of the match. Assuredly he was Wests' match-winner. But nobody performed better than Kevin Smyth, lock forward, and the real honours of the day went to Souths' forward Ron Crowe. Others who shone were Jim Cody and Denis Meaney, West, and Richie Powell and Kevin Longbottom for South. The Souths' forwards more than held their own and the whole team, with great tackling, made futile a majority of Wests' attempts to break through. In the first half Wests had a glut of possession yet Souths led 6-3 until right on half-time when Wests took the lead 8-6. Once again Don Parish's goal-kicking was sadly astray. He had six attempts and piloted three goals, two of which were easy. **(Sunday Mirror 12th August 1962)**

Notes: After an uninspiring first half, Dimond switched back to his regular position on the wing for immediate success. He scored three bumping, barging tries which swung the match. The forwards, led by Kevin Smyth and Jim Cody, also got on top late in the second half. Don Parish had another off day with the boot.