



1962 Round 2 Saturday 14th April Cumberland Oval



Parramatta 4

Brian COX
 Ken FOORD
 Ron BODEN
 Geoff WEEKES
 Mike JACKSON
 Bobby BUGDEN
 Rob GAIR
 Ron LYNCH (c)
 Brian HAMBLY
 Noel CORNWALL
 Roy FISHER
 Bill RAYNER
 Bill McCALL

def.

Western Suburbs 2

Fred NORDEN
 Dave BARSLEY
 Gil MacDOUGALL
 Kel O'SHEA (c)
 Peter DIMOND
 Don MALONE
 Arthur SUMMONS
 Kevin SMYTH
 Garry RUSSELL
 John HAYES
 Denis MEANEY
 Noel KELLY
 Bill CARSON



Tries

Goals Robin GAIR (2)

Dave BARSLEY (1)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: B Cox; three-quarters: K Foord, R Boden, G Weekes, M Jackson; five-eighth: R Bugden; half: R Gair; forwards: R Lynch (c), B Hambly, N Cornwall, R Fisher, W Rayner, W McCall

Western Suburbs: Full-back: F Norden; three-quarters: D Barsley, G MacDougall, K O'Shea (c), P Dimond; five-eighth: D Malone; half: A Summons; forwards: K Smyth, J Hayes, G Russell, D Meaney, N Kelly, W Carson **Referee: D Lawler (The Sun 14th April 1962)**

Parramatta scored a narrow but convincing win over Western Suburbs at Cumberland Oval yesterday. Parramatta won 4-2. Neither side scored in the second half. Parramatta clung tenaciously to its two point lead. Hooker Bill Rayner played a big part in his team's victory by winning the scrums from Wests' Noel Kelly. Captain Ron Lynch inspired his team with a non-stop display from the lock position. The Parramatta backs outplayed Wests, who badly missed Don Parish. Parish has a badly bruised heel. He was replaced by centre Fred Norden and reserve centre Gilbert MacDougall was promoted. ... Play in this first half was mainly centred in West's territory. Parramatta made full use of a strong following wind. Parramatta with two goals by half-back Gair led Wests 4-2 at half-time.

(Sunday Telegraph 15th April 1962)

If Noel Kelly, our hooker, wasn't being ridden roughshod by referees, yesterday's match wouldn't have been any trouble. Kelly is frightened to strike for the ball because he fears he will be penalised. Bill Rayner beat him 23-13 yesterday and it was this that gave Parramatta its win. After all, you can't expect a team to chase the ball all afternoon and still score tries. **(The one-eyed barracker, Sunday Mirror 15th April 1962)**

The Cumberland Oval jinx on the giants of Rugby League worked again yesterday when Parramatta defeated Western Suburbs 4-2. Over the years Parramatta has scored some shock wins on its home ground. Crowds of 9117 – 9000 of them Parramatta supporters – saw Parramatta lower the boom on Wests, the pre-season runners-up. The match was hard and tough and played at a fast pace. Full credit goes to Parramatta. Wests missed Don Parish, its international full-back. Parish was spiked on the leg during training on Thursday night, and officials would not risk playing him yesterday. In the first half, Parramatta's forwards tackled loosely and refused to go low which enabled Wests to run almost at will. Ken Kearney, the coach, read the riot act at half-time and in the second half they showed much more purpose. Ron Lynch, Parramatta's captain, had an outstanding game in his new position as lock-forward. He handled in almost every attacking movement, and his tackling stopped countless Wests' scoring raids. Roy Fisher, veteran of the Parramatta pack, also played a great game in the second half and Brian Hambly, the Kangaroo second-rower, showed a welcome return to form. Parramatta's backs made the ball work constantly. The halves, Robin Gair and Bob Bugden, spearheaded the attack. Ron Boden, Parramatta's centre, was injured after six minutes play, and was replaced by C Cooksley. Arthur Summons, Wests' half-back, received a nasty kick on his left hand, and finished the match with it badly swollen. He has probably dislocated a finger. Without the ball in the second half, Wests did well to keep Parramatta out. The crowd hooted when Parramatta winger Ken Foord intercepted and ran from half-way, but was pulled down by Dave Barsley three yards from the line. Foord rolled across to touch down but the referee ruled a double movement. Kevin Smyth, Noel Kelly and Bill Carson, Wests' forwards, all played well, while Peter Dimond was always dangerous in possession. **(Sunday Mirror 15th April 1962)**

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Notes: Don Parish was a late withdrawal for this match after spiking a leg at training and he was sorely missed. In the reshuffle Fred Norden went to full-back and Gil MacDougall (ex-Balmain) came into the centres. He played very well on debut, a portent of things to come. This was a very torrid forward clash but the deciding factor was the reluctance of Noel Kelly to strike for the ball after being sent off the previous week. Wests lost the scrums heavily and chased the ball all over the field for most of the match.