



# 1961 Round 2 Saturday 22nd April Pratten Park



**Western Suburbs 36**

**def.**

**Canterbury-Bankstown 14**



Ken BRAY  
 Don PARISH  
 Harry WELLS (c)  
 Bill BROWN  
 Peter DIMOND  
 Bill MARTIN  
 Arthur SUMMONS  
 Kevin SMYTH  
 Kel O'SHEA  
 John HAYES  
 Nev CHARLTON  
 Jim CHAPMAN  
 Denis MEANEY

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

Bill PETLEY  
 Ross KITE  
 John RUSSELL  
 Clive GARTNER  
 Noel COLLIE  
 Ray GARTNER  
 Ron THORNTON  
 Col BROWN  
 Kevin BROWN  
 Col OATES  
 Brian DAVIES (c)  
 Fred ANDERSON  
 Barry NELSON

**Tries**

Kel O'SHEA (2)  
 Bill BROWN  
 Kevin SMYTH  
 Arthur SUMMONS  
 Harry WELLS

Ron THORNTON  
 Kevin BROWN

**Goals**

Don PARISH (9)

Brian DAVIES (4)

**Match Description**

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: D Parish, H Wells (c), W Brown, P Dimond; five-eighth: W Martin; half: A Summons; forwards: K Smyth, J Hayes, K O'Shea, D Meaney, J Chapman, N Charlton  
**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: W Petley; three-quarters: N Collie, C Gartner, J Russell, R Kite; five-eighth: R Gartner; half: R Thornton; forwards: C Brown, K Brown, C Oates, B Nelson, F Anderson, B Davies (c) **Referee: F Erickson (The Sun 22nd April 1961)**

A 12-man Western Suburbs Rugby League team staged a magnificent second-half rally to crush Canterbury-Bankstown at Pratten Park yesterday. After being 4-all at half-time, Wests piled on six second half tries to win 36-14. Former International Kel O'Shea, together with Kevin Smythe and John Hayes, played a major part in the victory. Two snap tries shortly after half-time turned the tide Wests' way. Wests played much of the second half without full-back Ken Bray, who injured a knee. Against the wind, Canterbury surprisingly had the better of the early play. Canterbury took an early lead when Brian Davies kicked a fine goal from 45 yards out. Only minutes later, Kangaroo winger Don Parish equalised with a grand effort from the sidelines. Hesitancy on the part of both sides spoiled many of the promising backline moves. Former International Kel O'Shea figured prominently with dashes from the rucks which left opponents sprawling on the ground. Five-eighth Billy Martin thrilled the crowd with a glorious 60 yard dash from his line. The move broke down when Parish lost the ball with the line open. Poor kicking by Parish proved costly to Wests in the first half. Parish, after a fine first up goal missed three within five minutes. Replacement kicker Ken Bray could do little better, missing his first attempt. Bray badly injured his knee in a tackle shortly before half-time. Play was held up for five minutes while Bray was carried from the field in great pain. Shortly after Bray's departure Davies landed his second goal from four attempts. O'Shea once again broke through the Canterbury defence with a 50-yard run. When tackled, however, O'Shea failed to clear the ball. Parish, reinstated as kicker, landed a 45-yard goal to even the scores right on half-time. **(Sunday Telegraph 23rd April 1961)**

Brilliant play by Western Suburbs forwards paved the way for a crushing 36-14 defeat of Canterbury-Bankstown, in the Rugby League match at Pratten Park yesterday. Although held to four-all at half-time, Wests' pack had dominated the first half play. Certain tries were lost by poor handling. The second half had not been in progress long before it became obvious that Wests' coach, Jack Fitzgerald, had gone to town on his team during the break. Nev Charlton, Kevin Smyth, John Hayes and Kel O'Shea staged crashing forages through the opposition to set up six tries for the Magpies. Their performance was all the more meritorious seeing they lost the set scrums 17-5, and for nearly half the game were forced to use a five-man pack. A few minutes before half-time Wests' full-back, Ken Bray, was taken from the field with a knee injury. He returned for the second half and took over the right wing position. Then, with a lead of 26-6, skipper Harry Wells wisely sent him off the field. Parish took over Bray's position. He handled splendidly and set the backs moving smartly when the opportunity occurred. Parish also proved an able replacement for last year's champion goal-kicker Darcy Russell. He landed nine goals from 14 attempts. .... **(Sunday Mirror 23rd April 1961)**

**Notes:** Bill Carson was out late with an injured back, replaced by Jim Chapman. Ken Bray injured a knee and so Wests played with 12 men in the second half. Remarkably, scores were 4-all at half-time and Wests put on 32 second-half points. The forwards dominated in this period, with Smyth, Charlton, O'Shea playing powerfully but John Hayes was the standout forward, stamping himself as a long-term First Grader. Don Parish displayed his skills as a goal-kicker, being given the chance after Ken Bray missed a few.