



1962 Round 5 Saturday 28th April Leichhardt Oval



Western Suburbs 35

def.

Balmain 14

Don PARISH
 Dave BARSLEY
 Fred NORDEN
 Gil MacDOUGALL
 Peter DIMOND
 Don MALONE
 Arthur SUMMONS (c)
 Kevin SMYTH
 Garry RUSSELL
 Don HALL
 Denis MEANEY
 Bill CARSON
 Brian HENDERSON

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

Keith BARNES
 Col SANDERCOCK
 Bill BISCHOFF (c)
 Alan MASON
 Ron MACK
 Brian BRAILEY
 Laurie FAGAN
 Graham FERGUSON
 Ron COOPER
 Bob BOLAND
 Brian GARTNER
 Ian FOYE
 Harry RAVEN

Tries

Kevin SMYTH (2)
 Peter DIMOND (2)
 Denis MEANEY
 Gil MacDOUGALL
 Fred NORDEN

Bob BOLAND
 Col SANDERCOCK

Goals

Don PARISH (7)

Keith BARNES (4)

Match Description

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

Balmain: Full-back: K Barnes; three-quarters; C Sandercock, W Bischoff (c), A Mason, R Mack; five-eighth: B Brailey; half: L Fagan; forwards: G Ferguson, R Boland, R Cooper,, B Cartner, I Foye, H Raven **Referee: L Bruyeres (The Sun 28th April 1962)**

Western Suburbs gave a sparkling display of fast, open football to overwhelm Balmain at Leichhardt Oval yesterday. Wests won 35-14 after having led 17-11 at half-time. The score of seven tries to two and seven goals to four was a fair indication of the game. Lock-forward Kevin Smyth scored two tries in the first half. Don Parish made the opening, sprinting 30 yards to give MacDougall a clear run to the line. Spectators expected a close second half after the first-half display, but Wests scored four tries to one. Hooker Bill Carson, of Wests, was sent off midway through the half for what appeared to be repeated breaches of the rules. Balmain was expected to take charge with Wests a man short, but the reverse was the case. Front-row forward Brian Henderson took over as hooker and Garry Russell moved from second to front row. Although losing four out of five scrums, Wests still dominated play. Winger Peter Dimond scored two colourful tries. Dimond's second try came when he took the ball from an opponent on Balmain's 25 and went across the line unopposed. Forward Garry Russell started the next move. Centre Fred Norden took the ball on the bounce at full speed to score in the corner. Don Parish was the hero for Wests. He kicked seven goals from 10 attempts, four of them being outstanding. His initiative and speed were outstanding. He engineered two tries which easily could have been have been four. Summons played a great game and must be considered for representative honours. .. **(Sunday Telegraph 29th April 1962)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday inflicted a humiliating 35-14 defeat on Balmain. From a team of individualists who clogged the team's play in matches of the past few seasons, Wests have now changed to a tight and well-disciplined "football machine." It was this teamwork, coupled with a virile pack of forwards and backed up by fast backs, which gave them a seven tries to two win over the ill-assorted Balmain team. Sensation of the match came after 21 minutes of the second-half when referee Laurie Bruyeres ordered off Wests' hooker Bill Carson for repeated infringements in the play-the-ball. Carson had been spoken to several times by Bruyeres and once was called out of the scrum and cautioned for a hooking offence. Despite the loss of Carson midway through the second half, Wests at that stage led 27-11 and had the match well won. Wests worked to the plan to run the ball in the backs for a while and then switch it to the forwards and allow their big men to "soften up" the opposition.Yesterday's game left no doubt that Wests' lock Kevin Smyth is the best player in that position at present. Parish at full-back was electrifying and when he sped into the attack it spelt danger for the hard-working Balmain defence. .. **(The Sun-Herald 29th April 1962)**

Notes: In their best performance of the season, Wests ran riot, scoring seven tries to two. Again a victim of the League crackdown, Bill Carson was sent off for repeated scrum infringements. Led by Kevin Smyth, who played his best game so far for Wests, and the man-mountain, Denis Meaney, the backs were able to dominate their opposition. Don Parish was again outstanding while Fred Norden demonstrated his improving skill level.