



1961 Round 8 Saturday 27th May Cricket Ground



Western Suburbs 26

def.

Manly-Warringah 4

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

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

Ron WILLEY
 Brian ALLSOP
 Bobby THORNTON
 Frank STANTON
 Nick YAKICH
 Barry O'CONNELL
 Bobby LENON
 Jack SINCLAIR
 Barney McEVOY
 Doug DALEY
 Rex MOSSOP (c)
 Kevin NEGUS
 Bernie CUNEO



Tries Don PARISH (2)
 Dave BARSLEY (2)
 Bill BROWN
 Bill MARTIN

Goals Don PARISH (4)

Ron WILLEY (2)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Willey; three-quarters: N Yakich, B Thomson, F Stanton, B Allsop; five-eighth: B O'Connell; half: R Lenon; forwards: J Sinclair, D Daley, B McEvoy, R Mossop (c), K Negus, B Cuneo

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: D Barsley, W Brown, W Martin, P Dimond; five-eighth: K Holman; half: A Summons; forwards: K Smyth, J Hayes, K O'Shea, D Meaney, J Dawson, N Charlton **Referee: C Brown (The Sun 27th May 1961)**

Western Suburbs yesterday crushed Manly-Warringah by the humiliating margin of 26 points to 4 in the main Rugby League match at SCG. The season's biggest club crowd of 27,783 fans were shocked. Wests were so devastating in their virile raids on the line they did not leave the Manly-Warringah Seagulls with a feather to flutter back home to Brookvale. The Seagulls were made to play so badly, indeed they looked as if they were all on the brood during the whole 80 minutes of play. Despite Wests' runaway victory I thought it was a good game of fast spectacular football that had the crowd in agitated cheers until the dying stages, when the Manly Seagulls almost collapsed under the withering onslaught on their line. An easy victory does not betoken a bad game. On the other hand it was evidence of Wests' brilliance yesterday. Wests crossed Manly's line no fewer than six times but never at any stage of the game did the Seasiders give an impression they would score other than goals. This was obvious from the kick-off when in the first 20 minutes Wests "bombed" three tries in which Manly's tackling was so anaemic the players simply slithered through the defence. A bull-doing forward like Nev Charlton was allowed to plough his way through the limp defence and actually position his supports to carry the ball downfield. Kel O'Shea was another of Wests' forwards who made the Manly boys look as if they were playing leap-frog in a frolic around the northern beaches. Unfortunately, Manly lost their star winger Nick Yakich in a severe tackle seven minutes from the start. He was taken to St Vincent's hospital for a badly dislocated shoulder. But the absence of this player was not a cause of Manly's complete humiliation. This was due to the superlative forward work of Wests' pack – Nev Charlton, Kel O'Shea, Denis Meaney, John Hayes and Kevin Smythe. Possibly the real turning point in the game came 13 minutes after the second half began with Wests leading 5-4. Manly's captain Rex Mossop was cautioned for some rough-house in the scrum near half-way. Parish gained 70 yards with the penalty punt driving play to Manly's corner. Summons broke through, Charlton switched play to Brown and Parish, racing up to make the extra man, scored a brilliant try in the corner, and converted. Those five extra points that arose from the penalty proved an expensive bit of work by Mossop. ... Wests early missed two tries through loss of possession when on Manly's line. Smyth lost the ball after a great burst by Charlton, and Hayes lost it after a grand piece of bullocking by winger Peter Dimond. Wests' third "bomb" was when Meaney, who played with power, positioned Brown for a clear run for the line, but his run to the corner was limply irresolute. The first try by Wests brought the crowd to a full-throated roar. It was a superb effort of cohesive play in which Smyth, O'Shea and Summons figured before Martin raced like a steam-engine to score. O'Shea's aggressive penetration made the try possible. In the final stages, flushed with success, Wests confidently threw the ball about, almost tearing Manly's defence to ribbons. In my opinion Kel O'Shea was quite the most effective player on the field. (Sunday Mirror 28th May 1961)

Notes: Manly were left with only 12 men after seven minutes when Nick Yakich dislocated a shoulder in a severe tackle. Don Parish continued his dazzling form, scoring two tries in four minutes after chiming perfectly into the backline. Nev Charlton went head to head the whole match against Rex Mossop and finished on top. Kel O'Shea was back to his best, easily the best player on the field. This was a solid win but Wests bombed two certain tries.