



# 1962 Round 9 Saturday 16th June Cricket Ground



## St George 20

Brian GRAHAM  
Eddie LUMSDEN  
Reg GASNIER  
Dave BROWN  
Johnny KING  
Brian CLAY  
Dinny O'BRYAN  
Johnny RAPER  
Elton RASMUSSEN  
Kevin RYAN  
Monty PORTER  
Ian WALSH (c)  
Bill WILSON

def.

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

## Western Suburbs 12

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



**Tries** Johnny KING (2)  
Eddie LUMSDEN  
Reg GASNIER

Peter DIMOND  
Bill CARSON

**Goals** Brian GRAHAM (4)

Don PARISH (3)

### 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, K O'Shea (c), J Hayes, D Meaney, N Kelly, W Carson  
**St George:** Full-back: B Graham; three-quarters: E Lumsden, R Gasnier, D Brown, J King; five-eighth: B Clay; half: D O'Bryan; forwards: J Raper, E Rasmussen, K Ryan, M Porter, I Walsh, W Wilson **Referee: D Lawler (The Sun 16th June 1962)**

St George Rugby League five-eighth Brian Clay yesterday dislocated his forearm when St George defeated Western Suburbs 20-12 at Sydney Cricket Ground. Clay, who suffered the injury after 30 minutes' play, will be out of action for two or three weeks. ... Clay walked straight from the field, obviously in great pain, after injuring the arm in a tackle. .... St George's win yesterday confirmed its favouritism for its seventh successive premiership. The St George forwards were too strong and fast for Wests and the backs were dazzling. Test centre Reg Gasnier returned to form, playing a major role in three of St George's four tries. He showed much of the thrust, acceleration and keen anticipation that has earned him such a high reputation. After a shaky first five minutes St George quickly asserted itself and two tries in the first 15 minutes promised a huge win. Wests, although out-gunned, fought relentlessly. In one determined burst 10 minutes from the finish Wests stormed St George's line in what could well have been a match-saving rally. The crowd roared excitedly as forwards O'Shea, Carson and Hayes, and winger Barsley dashed at the line trying to bridge the 18-12 gap. St George full-back Brian Graham kicked a goal right on the hooter to give St George its 20-12 win. Test candidates involved in the match did little to solve Australia's Test problems. Don Parish kicked the attack along from the Wests' full-back position but again missed several tackles. St George front-rower Kevin Ryan showed he is a punishing tackler. In one bone-crusher he knocked tough Kel O'Shea back a yard from head-on. In possession Ryan tended to hang on when supports were better placed. Flying St George winger John King scored two tries, each of them after Gasnier had pierced the West defences. He scored his first try after 33 minutes when Gasnier returned a pass after brushing aside a couple of tackles in a 25-yard sprint. He scored the second try after 15 minutes of the second half when Gasnier similarly ducked and weaved his way through several would-be tacklers. Wests' second-rower Bill Carson, hooker Noel Kelly and lock Kevin Smyth played well. They tackled hard against St George's powerful forwards. Kelly, in one of his best hooking displays of the season, led Test hooker Ian Walsh in the first half scrums and was just short of breaking even at the finish. Kelly's strength brought Bill Carson's try and placed Wests within three points of St George at half-time. Kelly patiently stood in a St George tackle as Carson hurtled down outside him, took the pass 20 yards from the line and scored unhindered. Wests started strongly and Peter Dimond was forced into touch two yards short of the line on the left-wing after only two minutes play. Lumsden opened the scoring for St George after 10 minutes. Second-rower Elton Rasmussen started the movement with a side-stepping 30-yard burst from a ruck deep in St George's territory. Brian Clay took the ball and raced away with the defence broken. Clay hurled the ball to Lumsden as defenders came at him from behind. Lumsden strolled across to score a try which Graham converted for an early 5-0 lead. ... Wests came back with a try which winger Dimond scored after 20 minutes. Dimond polished off a sustained chain passing raid in which Carson, Hayes, Norden and Parish handled. King and Carson added tries before half-time to give St George the advantage 11-8 at the break. .. **(Sunday Telegraph 17th June 1962)**

**Notes:** In a punishing match, Wests tried hard and had chances to win but the strong St George defence held them out when Wests were charging late in the match. O'Shea and Ryan went head to head in one of many spirited clashes. Brian Clay had been the thorn in Wests' side before he went off injured late in the match.