



1961 Round 9 Saturday 17th June Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 34

def.

Parramatta 7

Harry WELLS(c)
 Dave BARSLEY
 Bill BROWN
 Bill MARTIN
 Peter DIMOND
 Keith HOLMAN
 Don MALONE
 Kevin SMYTH
 Kel O'SHEA
 John HAYES
 Denis MEANEY
 Noel KELLY
 Nev CHARLTON

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

Paul PYERS
 Mike BURKE
 Ron BODEN (c)
 Alan ELWORTHY
 Kevin HOLE
 Russ BUTLER
 Robin GAIR
 Peter RYAN
 Brian HAMBLY
 Noel CORNWALL
 Roy FISHER
 Bill RAYNER
 Lindsay ARMOUR

Tries

Nev CHARLTON
 Kevin SMYTH
 Peter DIMOND
 Dave BARSLEY
 Bill MARTIN
 Kel O'SHEA

Robin GAIR

Goals

Keith HOLMAN (7)
 Denis MEANEY (1)

Robin GAIR (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: H Wells (c); three-quarters: D Barsley, W Brown, W Martin, P Dimond; five-eighth: K Holman; half: D Malone; forwards: K Smyth, J Hayes, K O'Shea, D Meaney, N Kelly, N Charlton

Parramatta: Full-back: P Pyers; three-quarters: K Hole, R Boden (c), A Elworthy, M Burke; five-eighth: R Butler; half: R Gair; forwards: P Ryan, B Hambly, N Cornwall, R Fisher, W Rayner, L Armour **Referee: F Erickson (The Sun 17th June 1961)**

Parramatta prop-forward Lin Armour was sent from the field for alleged punching during a rough Rugby League match against Western Suburbs at Pratten Park yesterday. Wests won 34-7. Referee Fred Erickson ordered Armour off the field for a fiery ruck 12 minutes after half-time, when Wests led 14-5. The scores at half-time had been five-all. Wests' prop Nev Charlton received medical attention after the incident. This was one of many rough incidents during the game. Several players plainly conducted their own personal "battles". Play was stopped frequently when players deliberately broke the rules. The crowd of 5,847 often heckled referee Erickson, who cautioned six players. Charlton was cautioned on three occasions. Surprising feature of the game was the successful goal-kicking of Wests' five-eighth, Keith Holman. Holman landed seven out of eight goals, some of them difficult. Holman was brought on to kick in the second half after Denis Meaney landed one goal from five attempts. Harry Wells could not be faulted in his new role as Wests' full-back. Kangaroo hooker Noel Kelly, back after a cartilage operation, lost the scrums 12-8 to Parramatta's Bill Rayner. Kelly should be improved by the run, following his long lay-off. Kel O'Shea was Wests' best forward. He made two 60-yard runs to set up a try and later to score himself. ... (The Sun-Herald 18th June 1961)

Wests piled on five tries in the second half to swamp Parramatta 34-7 in a rough-house match at Pratten Park yesterday. The teams were level five-all at the interval, and Wests were clinging to a shaky 14-5 lead when referee Fred Erickson ordered Parramatta front-rower, Lindsay Armour, off the field for punching. Armour received his marching orders after 12 minutes play in the second half when Parramatta was making a spirited rally to save the match. As a scrum broke up in midfield, Neville Charlton, tough Wests prop, who had been cautioned twice earlier, was lying on the ground clutching his face. Erickson sent Armour off without hesitation. During the game, Erickson also dealt out cautions to Noel Kelly, Wests' hooker, Denis Meaney, Wests' prop, and Brian Hambly, Parramatta second-rower. Former international half-back Keith Holman provided the highlight of the match with a sensational goal-kicking display in the second half. He landed seven goals from eight attempts, his only failure missing by the barest of margins. After the match, Holman spent ten minutes battling his way through a flock of autograph hunters before he could reach the Wests' dressing room. ...The interesting duel between international hookers, Bill Rayner (Parramatta) and Noel Kelly (Wests) resulted in a 12-8 success in favour of the former. But Kelly was playing his first match after a cartilage operation, and acquitted himself well, particularly in open play. ... (Sunday Mirror 18th June 1961)

Notes: This match marked the debut of Noel Kelly, who had come down from Ayr but had to have a knee cartilage operation, putting him out for the first eight rounds. Harry Wells also unusually moved to full-back where he was quite successful. Nev Charlton received three cautions in a fiery display. Kel O'Shea continued his great form in another dominant display.