



# 1962 Semi-Final Saturday 25th August Cricket Ground



## Western Suburbs 6

def.

## Parramatta 0

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

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

Paul PYERS  
 Ken FOORD  
 Col ALTERATOR  
 Geoff WEEKES  
 Mike JACKSON  
 Leo TOOHEY  
 Bobby BUGDEN  
 Ron LYNCH (c)  
 Brian HAMBLY  
 Peter MATSON  
 Noel CORNWALL  
 Billy RAYNER  
 Noel DOLTON

**Tries**                      Gil MacDOUGALL (2)

**Goals**

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: D Barsley, G MacDougall, F Norden, P Dimond; five-eighth: A Summons; half: D Malone; forwards: K Smyth, K O'Shea (c), J Cody, D Meaney, N Kelly, J Hayes

**Parramatta:** Full-back: P Pyers; three-quarters: K Foord, G Weekes, C Alterator, M Jackson; five-eighth: L Toohey; half: R Bugden; forwards: R Lynch (c), B Hambly, P Matson, N Cornwall, W Rayner, N Dolton     **Referee: D Lawler (The Sun 25th August 1962)**

Western Suburbs beat Parramatta 6-0, through two first half tries by centre Gil MacDougall, in the Rugby League first semi-final at the SCG yesterday. Wests now get a valuable spell until the final next Saturday week, in which they meet the loser of the second semi-final, St George v Newtown. Wests' defence held throughout, though they were thrashed in the scrums. Seven minutes from full-time, they lost hooker Noel Kelly, who was sent from the field by referee Darcy Lawler for alleged punching in the scrum. Kelly had previously been twice cautioned. This was a match of many cautions. It was extremely rugged, and had exciting passages. But much of the play was scrappy. Overall, it was a poor semi-final that should make even more imperative the NSW Rugby League's deliberations tomorrow night on the state of the code. Wests' skipper, tall 1956 Kangaroo second-row forward, Kel O'Shea, played a highly important part. He held his team together whereas Parramatta, after a very promising initial 10 minutes, became rattled and untidy. O'Shea was dangerous with the ball in the opposing 25-yard area. Moreover, he sustained a display of smothering tackling around the rucks. This, despite having had a gashed left eyebrow, which required a stitch at half-time. Another to show out was O'Shea's second-row partner, 19-year-old Jim Cody. Cody put up a remarkable effort in defence. His speed off the mark was a factor in the close work and when "covering" Parramatta's outside men. Several times in the scoreless second half, Cody raced across field to spill Parramatta's eager left-winger Martin Jackson. Wests' delighted coach Jack Fitzgerald congratulated young Cody on a "great 80-minute effort of sound defence." Cody is only 12st 5lb; but he plays far above that weight. He has been a five-eighth and centre in junior football, and he could finish up as a back. Certainly, he should have a future. ... Hooker Bill Rayner won the scrums 23-9. Rayner actually prevailed in the last 10 scrums – two of them after Kelly had been dismissed. It was a shocking waste of possession. However, Paul Pyers thoroughly justified his promotion to play full-back. He stopped hard-running Peter Dimond with two good tackles; he remained cool, and he did some smart things with the ball. Pyers had only one kick at goal, and that was after second-rower Peter Matson had missed four times. As Don Parish failed with his five kicks at goal for Wests (none of them easy), all ten kicks were fruitless. ... But Parramatta centres, Geoff Weekes and Colin Alterator, were blotted out. Their play undoubtedly was affected by the persistence with Peter Dimond, in the Billy Boston fashion, left his wing in defence to charge into the Parramatta outside centre. ... It was fine match for Wests' centre, Fred Norden, who defended extremely well, and Gil MacDougall. MacDougall shone in attack, one of the few backs who did, though a tired Arthur Summons at five-eighth strove to lift his game and tackled soundly. Promoted prop John Hayes supported O'Shea and Cody in defence; big prop Denis Meaney and hooker Kelly worked hard, and Kelly several times made ground. Wests experienced two "near misses" before their first try. Norden burst through and MacDougall carried on but then passed badly infield to lock Kevin Smyth, who was well-positioned. Later, Hayes ran from a ruck; right winger Barsley broke free of a tackle a yard from the goal-line, but lost the ball. MacDougall made amends after 21 minutes. O'Shea broke through from a ruck. Smyth sent a long pass to Kelly, who passed to MacDougall, and that centre went on strongly. Five minutes before half-time came Wests' second try – a "beauty". O'Shea burst through again, into Parramatta's 25-yard area. The ball was taken by Kelly and Dimond towards the left wing; Dimond swept it around to half-back Don Malone, who turned it infield to MacDougall, and the gap was created. .... **(The Sun-Herald 26th August 1962)**

**Notes:** Noel Kelly, after two previous cautions, was sent off seven minutes from the end for alleged punching. Kel O'Shea was a tower of strength in both attack and defence. Jim Cody also had an outstanding game. Ten cautions were handed out in a spiteful match and it was generally accepted that referee Darcy Lawler "crucified" Noel Kelly in the scrums which he lost 23-9.