1967 Round 11 Sunday 4th June Lidcombe Oval

Western Suburbs 13

def.

Manly-Warringah 8





Don PARISH
John MOWBRAY
Roy FERGUSON
Peter DIMOND
Dave BARSLEY
Denis PITTARD
Ross GOODMAN
Barry BRYANT
Jim CODY
John ARMSTRONG
Doug WALKADEN
Ken STONESTREET
Noel KELLY (c)

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

Ron MURRAY
Les HANIGAN
Alec TENNANT
Frank STANTON
Bob BATTY
Bob FULTON
Gary TOOLE
BILL BILL BRADSTREET
John MORGAN
Mick VEIVERS
BILL HAMILTON
Fred JONES
Ken DAY (c)

Tries John ARMSTRONG
Dave BARSLEY
Doug WALKADEN

Bob BATTY Alec TENNANT

Goals Don PARISH (2)

Bob BATTY (1)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Murray; three-quarters: L Hanigan, A Tennant, F Stanton, R Batty; five-eighth: R Fulton; half: G Toole; forwards: W Bradstreet, J Morgan, M Veivers, W Hamilton, F Jones, K Day

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: J Mowbray, P Dimond, R Ferguson, D Barsley; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: R Goodman; forwards: B Bryant, J Cody, J Armstrong, D Walkaden, K Stonestreet, N Kelly (c)

Referee: L Bruyeres (as per program Rugby League News 4th June 1967 + newspaper validation)

Western Suburbs clinched a 13-8 Rugby League victory against Manly-Warringah with only seven minutes to spare at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. A smart piece of work at a scrum near the line produced Wests' match-winning try. This try and the resultant goal put Wests ahead for the first time. They had levelled at 8-all six minutes earlier in a desperate finish. Winger Dave Barsley scored the winning try after Wests won a scrum only a few yards from the Manly line. Lock Barry Bryant took the ball from the scrum and whipped it to five-eighth Denis Pittard. Barsley charged in from the blind side to take the final pass and score. Although Wests trailed for most of the game their victory was well-earned. Manly had scored the only try of the first half against the run of play, and Wests did most of the attacking. A healthy share of possession which Ken Stonestreet gave them, particularly when it mattered most in the closing stages, provided the opportunities for Wests. They gradually got on top of Manly in the forwards, with lock Barry Bryant, front-rower Doug Walkaden and second-rower John Armstrong playing non-stop football. Wests would have taken a grip on the game much earlier had full-back Don Parish been more on the beam with his goal-kicking. He landed only two of nine attempts. Five-eighth Bob Fulton did his best to keep Wests at bay. He tackled like a demon and was always looking for a weakness in Wests' defences. ... Wests' skipper, Noel Kelly, did not take long to find his feet after a long lay-off with injury. Though he had a relatively quiet game, he took only 12 minutes to get a caution in his "comeback". (Daily Telegraph 5th June 1967)

Kangaroo prop Noel Kelly returned to Rugby League yesterday after 10 weeks' absence to lead Western Suburbs to a 13-8 victory over Manly at Lidcombe Oval. It was an exciting bruising match, with much severe tackling, but some excellent tries were scored. Kelly received two cautions from referee Laurie Bruyeres. However, his constructive skill was in evidence, as when he sparked off the rush that led to second-rower Armstrong's try in the second half. ... Manly's Fred Jones, after being well behind, had levelled the scrums by half-time; but in the second half Wests' Ken Stonestreet won the ball at crucial stages. This factor, coupled with an advantage in penalties, enabled Wests to maintain attacking position for much of the half. .. The scores were 8-all until, seven minutes from full-time, when Wests clinched the game with a thrilling try by right-winger Dave Barsley. Barsley came infield from a scrum inside Manly's 25 yard line; lock Barry Bryant detached himself from the scrum and passed to five-eighth Denis Pittard. Pittard sent the ball on to Barsley who cut through to the posts, twisted out of a tackle and touched down for full-back Don Parish to convert. ... West's prop Doug Walkaden, plunged over from a ruck near West's line, following a dash by Barsley after 10 minutes of the second half. .. The equalising try came through the movement begun by Kelly. Second-rower John Armstrong stationed wide, ran strongly off a good pass from centre Peter Dimond. ... Prop Walkaden sustained a fine effort against his former team. Armstrong also had a good game. ... The condition of Lidcombe Oval has been improved a lot since Canterbury played there on a dust bowl (Sydney Morning Herald 5th June 1967)

Notes: The Wests' forwards laid the groundwork for this win with a strong display, where they overpowered the opposing pack late in the match. This allowed Armstrong and Walkaden to score match-winning tries after Manly led early.