1970 Round 12 Sunday 14th June Cumberland Oval

Parramatta 19   def.   Western Suburbs 15

Parramatta	Position	Western Suburbs
Greg HYDE	*Fullback*	Peter FLANDERS
Keith CAMPBELL	*Wing*	Don ROGERS
Barry RUSHWORTH	*Centre*	Roy FERGUSON (c)
Dave IRVINE	*Centre*	Derek BROUWER
Ken McFARLANE	*Wing*	John ELFORD
Graeme LYE	*Five-eighth*	Tim MURPHY
John WILSON	*Half*	John MAXWELL
Denis FITZGERALD	*Lock*	Rod SMITH
Dick THORNETT (c)	*Second Row*	John BAKER
Barry LEANEY	*Second Row*	Barry BRYANT
John McMARTIN	*Front Row*	John ARMSTRONG
Bob O'REILLY	*Hooker*	Ken STONESTREET
Dennis MOUNT	*Front Row*	Jim CODY

Tries	John WILSON (2)	Roy FERGUSON (2)
	Dennis MOUNT	Peter FLANDERS
Goals	Dennis MOUNT (5) Two field goals	Peter FLANDERS (3)

Match Description
Western Suburbs: Full-back: P Flanders; three-quarters: D Rogers, R Ferguson (c), D Brouwer, J Elford; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: J Maxwell; forwards: R Smith, J Baker, B Bryant, J Armstrong, K Stonestreet, J Cody
Parramatta: Full-back: G Hyde; three-quarters: K Campbell, B Rushworth, D Irvine, K McFarlane; five-eighth: G Lye; half: J Wilson; forwards: D Fitzgerald, R Thornett (c), B Leaney, J McMartin, R O'Reilly, D Mount   **Referee: L Bruyeres (Rugby League Week 20th June 1970)**

Parramatta's long-awaited Rugby League imports Dennis Mount and Graeme Lye played major roles in the side's 19-15 defeat of Western Suburbs at Cumberland Oval yesterday. Mount contributed 13 points to Parramatta's total, with a try, three goals and two field goals. His try, nine minutes from full-time, was the match-winner. Lye, backing up after a hard game against England the previous day, played soundly. He made several long runs and tackled strongly throughout the match. Lye's smart ball service gave centres Keith Campbell and Barry Rushworth many opportunities. Lye should prove the ideal foil for Parramatta half-back John Wilson, who is maintaining impressive form. Wilson opened the scoring for Parramatta when he took the pass from prop Bob O'Reilly, to touch down wide out. He scored again later when he backed up to take a pass from Lye after a 50-yard run. For Wests, the only consoling aspect of the game was the return to form of powerhouse winger John Elford. Elford continually upset the Parramatta backline in attack and defence with fiery tackling and determined running. It was Elford and his skipper, centre Roy Ferguson, who brought Wests back into the match with a great length-of-the-field try. The Magpies gained the lead minutes later when front-rower John Armstrong sent winger Peter Flanders over in the corner. But Parramatta snatched the win when Mount crashed over. **(Sydney Morning Herald 15th June 1970)**

Parramatta's latest Rugby League recruits, Graham Lye and Dennis Mount, yesterday paved the way for their team's 19-15 win over Western Suburbs at Cumberland Oval. Mount, a front-rower, was playing his first game since breaking his nose in the Country-City match on May 16. He found greater confidence in the second half and crashed over for a late try which gave Parramatta their winning margin. After missing the first two shots he went on to land three goals from six attempts, one of the misses bouncing off the upright, and two field goals. Five-eighth Lye, backing up from Saturday's State game against Britain, gave a polished performance in attack and defence. His expected clash with Wests' opposite Tom Raudonikis failed to eventuate, Raudonikis withdrawing before the game with a sprained foot. Parramatta had every opportunity with a 15-13 scrum advantage, but Wests held the territorial advantage for much of the closely fought match. Wests, with the forwards letting the side down because of handling errors, trailed Parramatta 10-7 at the interval. Peter Flanders showed obvious talent in his new role as full-back. But his usually reliable kicking was astray and he landed only three goals from eight attempts. Captain Roy Ferguson scored two tries during an 80-minute effort to lift Wests to victory. Parramatta half-back John Wilson scored his side's two first-half tries. He over-shadowed his rival John Maxwell with a classy display around the scrum base. Wests hit back midway through the second half with two quick tries which sent them ahead 15-14. Winger John Elford set up the first for Ferguson with a 70-yard burst after fielding a kick from Lye on his own line. Mount made no mistake, converting his own try next to the posts to give Parramatta their winning lead 11 minutes from full-time. **(Daily Telegraph 15th June 1970)**

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Notes: In a re-shuffled team, Peter Flanders went to full-back, Tim Murphy came in for Tom Raudonikis (sprained foot) and Jim Cody came in for an injured John Walsh. Wests had two tries disallowed; Tim Murphy lost the ball over the line and John Elford also bounced the ball in the act of scoring. John Elford was back in the team and had a powerhouse game. This was a very close match that Wests most probably should have won.