



1969 Round 12 Monday 16th June Cricket Ground



Manly-Warringah 12

def.

Western Suburbs 11

Bob BATTY
 Danny GOUGH
 John MCDONALD
 Alec TENNANT
 Derek MORITZ
 Bob FULTON (c)
 Dennis WARD
 Bob CAMERON
 Peter PETERS
 Bill BRADSTREET
 John BUCKNELL
 Fred JONES
 Bill HAMILTON

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

Tony FORD
 Don ROGERS
 Barry GLASGOW
 John FISHER
 Mick ALCHIN
 Tim MURPHY
 Bruce BEER
 John BAKER
 Jim CODY
 Barry BRYANT
 Doug WALKADEN
 Ken STONESTREET
 Noel KELLY (c)
 Geoff HENRY



Tries Bob FULTON
 John McDONALD

John FISHER

Goals Bob BATTY (3)

Tony FORD (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: M Alchin, B Glasgow, J Fisher, D Rogers; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: B Beer; forwards: J Baker, J Cody, B Bryant, N Kelly (c), K Stonestreet, D Walkaden

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Batty; three-quarters: D Gough, J McDonald, A Tennant, D Moritz; five-eighth: R Fulton (c); half: D Ward; forwards: R Cameron, P Peters, W Bradstreet, J Bucknell, F Jones, W Hamilton **Referee: P McCarroll (The Sun 13th June 1969)**

Wests tonight will promote reserve half John Maxwell and possibly five-eighth Geoff Henry in an attempt to spark the attack. Tim Murphy played five-eighth yesterday despite an injury and mat spell on Sunday when the Magpies tackle Canterbury at Belmore. Yesterday's 12-11 defeat by Manly at the Cricket Ground was another bitter pill for Wests after Ken Stonestreet had again dominated the scrums. Wests' inability to score tries despite a more than adequate share of the ball is causing major concern. Beer looks like getting his share of the blame tonight but the absence of straight-running centre Roy Ferguson will be felt again this week. Wests went into yesterday's match with four players, including full-back Tony Ford, who were unfit to train last Thursday night. They struggled on against Manly and failed by only a point after a battling finish. ... **(Sun 17th June 1969)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday rattled up seven points in the last six minutes to "scare the life out of Manly" at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Manly won 12-11 and retained third place on the premiership ladder. A minute from the end Wests centre Barry Glasgow lifted a drop-kick out of a mud patch and the ball fell just short of the right hand upright. Wests' fightback injected spark into a game which had been run-of-the-mill fare. Many spectators in the sparsely scattered crowd of 11,857 left when Manly ran to a 12-4 lead 11 minutes from the end. Then, with six minutes to go, Wests' front-rower Noel Kelly "took a punt" and put up a towering up-and-under on the Manly line. The ball rolled loose and Wests centre John Fisher dived on it for a try. Full-back Tony Ford quickly converted the try and Wests were back in the match at 12-9. A minute later, Manly centre Alec Tennant was cautioned and penalised for a high tackle of Noel Kelly. Ford kicked the goal and Wests trailed by only one point, 12-11. Glasgow, with his "golden" boot, was Wests' chance in the dying minutes. Wests succeeded in working him into position only once, but the high-scoring centre was unable to get enough distance with the heavy ball. Manly would have been unlucky if Glasgow had succeeded with that kick. ... **(Daily Telegraph 17th May 1969)**

Manly withheld a grandstand finish by Western Suburbs to deservedly win 12-11 at the SCG..... Manly was the better side throughout yesterday's match ...It put on two first-half tries, the first by captain Bob Fulton who finished off excellent ground work by Tennant, and the second by centre John McDonald after full-back Bob Batty had chimed into the backline. It was a very tame match for the poor crowd of only 11,857. And Manly seemed certain to finish a comfortable winner when it led 12-4 close to the finish. But Wests scored a try with six minutes to go - John Fisher diving on a loose ball following an up-and-under by captain Noel Kelly. Then an indiscretion by Tennant in a tackle gave Wests' Tony Ford an easy penalty goal to reduce the leeway to 12-11. Tennant's caution cost him \$20 for the top award in "The Sun-Herald's" best and fairest contest. Wests hooker Ken Stonestreet, who won the scrums 21-14, enabled his team to put Manly under pressure in the closing minutes. ... **(Sydney Morning Herald 17th June 1969)**

Notes: In the end Wests were unlucky to lose this match. Barry Glasgow, uncharacteristically, missed a field goal attempt in the last minute which would have won the match. Terry Gale, a sprint champion had been enlisted during the week to try to get some spark in the backs and it had some effect with John Fisher scoring a good try on a heavy field. This would have marked a great comeback where Wests scored seven points in the last six minutes and were finishing all over Manly.