



# 1972 Round 13 Sunday 11th June Lidcombe Oval



## Western Suburbs 52

def.

## Parramatta 10

Tony FORD  
Don ROGERS  
John HEYWARD  
Wayne MERRY  
Russell MULLINS  
Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
Brian WINNEY  
John BAKER  
John ELFORD  
Barry BRYANT  
John O'BRYAN  
Ken STONESTREET  
John WALKER  
Rod SMITH  
Allan ASHMORE

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

Garry THOMAS  
Terry SCURFIELD  
Ron GRAHAM  
Garry PETHYBRIDGE  
Brian BENNETT  
Graham LYE  
John WILSON  
Keith CAMPBELL  
Denis FITZGERALD  
Graham ERNST  
Russ DEVONSHIRE  
Chris COY  
Bob O'REILLY (c)

### Tries

Rod SMITH (2)  
Don ROGERS (2)  
Russell MULLINS (2)  
Brian WINNEY  
John O'BRYAN  
John HEYWARD  
John BAKER

Ron GRAHAM  
Graham ERNST

### Goals

Tony FORD (11)

Keith CAMPBELL (1)  
Graham ERNST (1)

### Match Description

**Parramatta:** Full-back: G Thomas; three-quarters: T Scurfield, R Graham, G Pethybridge, B Bennett; five-eighth: G Lye; half: J Wilson; forwards: K Campbell, D Fitzgerald, G Ernst, R Devonshire, C Coy, R O'Reilly (c)

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, J Heyward, W Merry, R Mullins; five-eighth: T Raudonikis (c); half: B Winney; forwards: J Baker, B Bryant, J Elford, J O'Bryan, K Stonestreet, J Walker     **Referee: L Bruyeres (The Sun 9th June 1972)**

Yesterday was the most humiliating of Ian Walsh's football life. It was Parramatta's blackest day. It was a day that prompted a disgusted Parramatta Secretary, Mr Spencer O'Neill, to vow that it will never happen again. Parramatta disgraced themselves in a 52-10 defeat by Wests ... it was a pathetic effort. Wests, fighting for a semi-final spot, scored 10 tries and 11 goals in a display that ranked with their best ever. But the man behind the losers, the man who had to sit through every humiliating minute, was Walsh. "I've never had that happen to me before," a despairing Walsh said after the match. "Easts scored 50 points against us early this year but today's effort was worse." "Is there no pride? I just could not sit through that again." ... Wests' football, even allowing for the meek opposition, was deserving of the highest praise. One try by winger Russell Mullins was perhaps the best I have ever seen. A brilliant team effort, nine players handled in a criss-crossing movement that started on Wests' 25-yard line. Tommy Raudonikis was grand. He was at the height of every movement. Prop John O'Bryan accepted the laxity in the forwards and turned in a power-house display. **(The Sun 12th June 1972)**

The topsy-turvy Rugby League form continued yesterday when Western Suburbs annihilated Parramatta 52-10 at Lidcombe Oval. Wests, destroyed by Balmain on the same ground last week, played a real Jekyll and Hyde role to score 10 tries against Parramatta. Wests mesmerised Parramatta in the first 20 minutes with speed and slick backing-up and from then on, the Parramatta players, with few exceptions, threw in the towel. Wests' skipper, Tom Raudonikis, switched from half-back to five-eighth, ran riot through the meek Parramatta defence. Young prop, John O'Bryan played outstanding football and the back-row men, Barry Bryant, John Elford and John Baker had a field day. Full-back, Tony Ford, kicked 11 goals from 14 attempts. His 22 points took him to 109 season's total. Wests, sharpened for their challenge to Eastern Suburbs next weekend, lost winger Don Rogers (shoulder) and lock Baker (ankle), but they are expected to be well enough to play against Easts. ... **(Sydney Morning Herald 12th June 1972)**

**Notes:** In a re-shuffled team, Tom Raudonikis went to five-eighth and Brian Winney to half, with John Heyward going to the centres and Russell Mullins in on the wing. John Baker injured an ankle and was replaced by Rod Smith, who scored two good tries. Wests came out fired up for this match after two losses, and put the hammer to Parramatta. They scored tries at will and Parramatta offered little resistance to a rampaging backline, led by Raudonikis. In the forwards, John O'Bryan powered over the top of the Parramatta pack.