



1969 Round 13 Sunday 22nd June Belmore Sports Ground



Canterbury 14

def.

Western Suburbs 9

Les JOHNS
Max BROWN
Denis SCAHILL
Bob HAGAN
Bob DOYLE
Les PERRY
Terry REYNOLDS
Ron RAPER
Norm THOMAS
John DARBY
Merv HICKS (c)
Gary STEWART
Alan ALLISON

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

Tony FORD
John FISHER
Barry GLASGOW
Gary GUNTON
Mick ALCHIN
Geoff HENRY
John MAXWELL
John BAKER
Jim CODY
Barry BRYANT
Doug WALKADEN
Ken STONESTREET
Noel KELLY (c)



Tries

Les PERRY
Ron RAPER

John MAXWELL

Goals

Les JOHNS (3)
Les JOHNS (1) Field goal

Tony FORD (2)
Barry GLASGOW (1) Field goal

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: L Johns; three-quarters: M Brown, D Scahill, R Hagan, R Doyle; five-eighth: B Norden; half: T Reynolds; forwards: R Raper, N Thomas, J Darby, M Hicks (c), G Stewart, A Allison

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: M Alchin, B Glasgow, G Gunton, J Fisher; five-eighth: G Henry; half: J Maxwell; forwards: J Baker, J Cody, B Bryant, N Kelly (c), K Stonestreet, D Walkaden **Referee: P McCarroll (The Sun 20th June 1969)**

When hooker Ken Stonestreet faces his medical for State team selection later today, I hope they check his heart. If it hasn't been broken yet by his Wests' team-mates, it deserves a place in the National Museum alongside Phar Lap's. Yesterday he gave his side a 24-8 feast of the ball from the scrums and still they were beaten 14-9 by Canterbury. Not that this is anything new, Stonestreet has not been beaten for the ball in 13 games this year yet Wests are labouring in seventh place in the competition with only 12 points. Yesterday's defeat killed what little chance they had of making the semi-finals. Canterbury, on the other hand, pulled out of a slump of five straight losses and with a number of star players due to resume from injury, they are poised to challenge again for the top four. ... Wests had their chance when lock John Baker put Maxwell over besides the posts to level the scores 7-all just after half-time. From the kick-off full-back Tony Ford gathered, short-kicked, regained possession and looked set to burst downfield with another Wests try "on." But with the defence almost beaten he stumbled and the ball bounced into the arms of Canterbury's Ron Raper who raced straight past a line of open Magpie mouths to score near the posts. When Johns converted, 10 points had been scored in two minutes. The game continued to fluctuate until midway through the second half when big Merv Hicks brought the crowd to its feet as he chased Mick Alchin across field and hit him. Canterbury received the penalty after both players had been cautioned, but from that moment on fighting took precedence over football. Less than a minute later Hicks and Barry Bryant swapped punches, followed immediately by a run-in between Noel Kelly and Canterbury's young hooker Gary Stewart. For five or six minutes more time was taken up with cautions than football, but referee McCarroll didn't hesitate when Alchin flattened Brown. Ironically, the only real casualty of the match, Tony Ford, was injured in a legitimate if savage tackle. Canterbury winger Bob Doyle swooped in to spreadeagle him as he was looking inside for support. Ford, who was concussed a few weeks ago by a head-high tackle, collapsed again in the dressing room and was taken to hospital for observation. He is unlikely to be chosen next week even if cleared by doctors. **(Sun 23rd June 1969)**

"Ned" Kelly's gang from the Western Suburbs came off second best yesterday in the "siege" at Belmore Sports Ground. They won the fight but lost the League match, a spiteful affair, 9-14 to Canterbury-Bankstown. To make things worse winger Mick Alchin was given his marching orders for the second time in eight weeks and full-back Tony Ford was taken to hospital with concussion – victim of a high tackle. Alchin will appear before the judiciary committee tonight on a charge of punching. He was sent off during a vicious final 20 minutes. As he walked from the field Alchin was pelted with drink cans and orange peels. In the final 20 minutes yesterday, no fewer than 16 cautions were handed out by referee McCarroll and one or two players were fortunate to finish the match. Before the outbreak, the match, apart from a bad case of "drowsy" on the part of both teams, had been open. Wests, with a 24-8 feast of ball from Ken Stonestreet, had the edge in attack. ... **(Sydney Morning Herald 23rd June 1969)**

Notes: This match was played on a very water-logged field. Mick Alchin was sent off for punching and received a six-week suspension. In a brawling match, Wests apparently won the fight but lost the match. Ken Stonestreet again dominated possession and rightly received a call-up to the NSW side after this match. Tony Ford was taken to hospital with severe concussion, continuing a series of serious and worrying head injuries. Les Johns, who was leading in all best and fairest competitions had a blinder and was the difference on the day.