1967 Round 14 Sunday 25th June Lidcombe Oval

Western Suburbs 9   def.   Parramatta 7

Western Suburbs	Position	Parramatta
Don PARISH	*Fullback*	Ken THORNETT (c)
John ELFORD	*Wing*	Len STACKER
Peter DIMOND (c)	*Centre*	Ron GRAHAM
Roy FERGUSON	*Centre*	Barry RUSHWORTH
Dave BARSLEY	*Wing*	Joe TURSKI
Denis PITTARD	*Five-eighth*	Paul GIBSON
Ross GOODMAN	*Half*	Brian WINNEY
Barry BRYANT	*Lock*	Ron LYNCH
John ARMSTRONG	*Second Row*	Ted HEINRICH
Jim CODY	*Second Row*	Dick THORNETT
Doug WALKADEN	*Front Row*	Mike JONES
Ken STONESTREET	*Hooker*	Barry LEANEY
John HAYES	*Front Row*	John McMARTIN

Tries	John HAYES	Paul GIBSON
Goals	Don PARISH (3)	Len STACKER (2)

Match Description

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

Parramatta: Full-back: K Thornett (c); three-quarters: L Stacker, R Graham, B Rushworth, J Turski; five-eighth: P Gibson; half: B Winney; forwards: R Lynch, T Heinrich, R Thornett, M Jones, B Leaney, J McMartin   **Referee: L Samuelson   (as per program Rugby League News 24th/25th June 1967 + newspaper validation)**

Three second-half goals by Western Suburbs Rugby League full-back Don Parish gave his side a 9-7 win over Parramatta at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. The match was a tight struggle and it was not until 15 minutes from the end that Wests reached the lead. Parramatta, with a strong breeze at their backs, held a 7-3 first-half lead. Parish did not take the kicks in the first spell as he was unwilling to risk aggravating a groin injury which has kept him sidelined for some weeks. Instead, winger Dave Barsley twice tried, unsuccessfully, to raise the flags. The match was a personal triumph for Wests' big striding second-rower John Armstrong. His long bursts wide of the rucks were a constant menace to Parramatta and his cover defence was flawless. Many times in the second half he played a big hand in movements which almost brought tries. Once he sent to half-back Ross Goodman who dived over, only to have referee Les Samuelson disallow the "try". John Hayes, up from Wests' reserve grade as a replacement for Test prop Noel Kelly, had his best game of the season. He scored Wests' only try after backing up his front-row partner Doug Walkaden in a sortie on the Parramatta line. Despite the close scores, Parramatta were not impressive after the first 20 minutes. … **(Daily Telegraph 26th June 1967)**

Full-back Don Parish kicked Western Suburbs to a 9-7 win over Parramatta in the second half of the Rugby League match Oval yesterday. Parish had a perfect record – three kicks, three goals. Parramatta had led 7-3 at half-time after winger Dave Barsley had failed as Wests' kicker during the half. Parish took over in the second half and within six minutes of the resumption Wests had levelled at 7-7, with two penalty goals. Off-side play eventually cost Parramatta the match as Parish kicked his third goal 15 minutes from the finish. Five minutes earlier, Wests' half-back Ross Goodman crossed for a "try", but referee Les Samuelson ruled that Goodman had knocked-on. In general play, Parish also turned in a good performance. His intelligent kicking and safe handling kept Wests on the attack throughout the second half. In addition, Wests' forwards dominated play in this half. They hunted as a pack and their strong running from rucks wore down the defence. Teamwork was the keynote of the success. Whenever the defence was breached, someone was on hand to take over. Wests used the wind to advantage by kicking deep to drive Parramatta back. Wests' big second-rower, John Armstrong, was never off the ball, with Doug Walkaden always in support. West won the majority of the scrums and gained the bigger share of the penalties. Red-haired lock Barry Bryant did a great job in attack and defence. Half-back Goodman made strong bursts from around the scrums and he and five-eighth Denis Pittard had the edge on their opponents. Parramatta's poor showing stemmed mainly from lack of teamwork and poor defence. Yet Parramatta winger Joe Turski was one of the stars of the match. He halted numerous attacks with low tackles and was a constant threat with his strong runs down the sidelines. Full-back Ken Thornett did a great job in the first half and was responsible for Parramatta's try. Parramatta had won a scrum within its 25 when Thornett raced up to take over from half-back Brian Winney. Thornett broke through tackles and when clear, gave Paul Gibson a clear run to the line. **(Sydney Morning Herald 26th June 1967)**

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Notes: Although the scores were close, the Wests' forwards were very dominant and they always seemed to be in control. Don Parish, nursing a groin injury, didn't kick for goal in the first half but landed three out of three in the second half to make the difference. John Hayes, coming up from reserve grade to replace Noel Kelly, had his best game of the season.