



## 1969 Round 16 Sunday 13th July Cumberland Oval



**Parramatta 14**

**def.**

**Western Suburbs 8**

Joe TURSKI  
Arch BROWN  
Barry RUSHWORTH  
Peter DELANEY  
Dave IRVINE  
John WILSON  
Ivor LINGARD  
Keith CAMPBELL  
Ron LYNCH  
Dick THORNETT (c)  
Barry LEANEY  
John McMARTIN  
Bob O'REILLY

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

Tony FORD  
Peter FLANDERS  
John ARMSTRONG  
Roy FERGUSON  
Dick PICKETT  
Barry GLASGOW  
John MAXWELL  
John BAKER  
Jim CODY  
Barry BRYANT  
Doug WALKADEN  
Ken STONESTREET  
Noel KELLY (c)



**Tries** Bob O'REILLY  
Dick THORNETT

**Goals** Arch BROWN (3)  
Dick THORNETT (1) Field goal

Tony FORD (1)  
Barry GLASGOW (3) Field goals

### Match Description

**Parramatta:** Full-back: J Turski; three-quarters: A Brown, B Rushworth, P Delaney, D Irvine; five-eighth: J Wilson; half: I Lingard; forwards: K Campbell, R Thornett (c), R Lynch, B Leaney, J McMartin, R O'Reilly

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: P Flanders, J Armstrong, R Ferguson, R Pickett; five-eighth: B Glasgow; half: J Maxwell; forwards: J Baker, B Bryant, J Cody, N Kelly (c), K Stonestreet, D Walkaden **Referee: D McDonald (The Sun 11th July 1969)**

Parramatta hooker John McMartin ignored the pain of a hip injury to be the unsung hero of yesterday's fiercely won 14-8 victory over Western Suburbs. He became only the second hooker this year to finish on top of Ken Stonestreet by winning the scrums 12-10 in the game at Cumberland Oval. McMartin, a vastly under-rated player, received injections for three days after his injury prevented him from training during the week. He won scrum after scrum in the early stages, enabling Parramatta to gain the upper hand, with Dick Thornett directing operations. Parramatta played so strongly in the first half that there is every justification for switching this weekend's match against South Sydney from Cumberland Oval to the Sports Ground on Sunday. Thornett showed a penetrating awareness of the opposition's weak spots in his finest display for a long time. He opened the scoring when he went through a gaping hole in Wests' defence in a ruck near the line. Winger Arch Brown, who is now using a seven-step run-up for each kick in a bid to gain more rhythm, made no mistake in converting. Parramatta went to a lead of 7-0 when Thornett kicked a field goal. Their second try came just before half-time when young prop forward Bob O'Reilly charged through on the blind side of a ruck. O'Reilly is a young man who has size and speed and never shirks the issue in the "heavy" play. Western Suburbs staged a rally in the second half when five-eighth Barry Glasgow kicked three beautifully judged field goals. I asked Western Suburbs captain Noel Kelly if he thought Parramatta was good enough to gain a place in the final four. "They were terrific in the first half," he said. "Parramatta forwards are all right, but if they let Souths stand up next Sunday, they'll run all day," he added. ... Wests' lock forward John Baker got through a work-rate which was almost exhausting to watch, and Glasgow proved more than just a field-goal specialist by playing strongly at five-eighth. **(The Sun 14th July 1969)**

Rugby League referee Don McDonald yesterday ordered Western Suburbs captain Noel Kelly from the field for allegedly using a "deliberate forearm jolt." McDonald dismissed Kelly five minutes from the end of a rugged match in which Parramatta defeated Wests 14-8 at Cumberland Oval. Kelly had received three previous cautions before he clashed with Parramatta full-back Joe Turski in the incident which led to his dismissal. Parramatta's win kept their semi-finals prospects alive. They are in sixth place with 18 points – two behind St George and Manly, who share third and fourth places. North Sydney are on 19 points. But Parramatta have a hard road to the semi-finals. They meet South Sydney, St George, North Sydney and Balmain in their next four matches. Captain and second-rower Dick Thornett was the key man in Parramatta's win yesterday. Thornett bulldozed his way over Wests' line for a try eight minutes after the match began. He also landed a field goal in the 15th minute. Wests hooker Ken Stonestreet, beaten for the ball only once previously this season, went down to McMartin 10-12 yesterday. ... **(Daily Telegraph 14th July 1969)**

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**Notes:** Noel Kelly was sent off for a high tackle on Parramatta full-back Joe Turski, in a game where Wests struggled for momentum. For only the second time in the season Ken Stonestreet was beaten in the set scrums and Wests found it hard to break through the Parramatta defence without their usual supply of the ball. Dick Thornett and Bob O'Reilly both had very strong games, while John Baker and Barry Glasgow also played strongly for Wests. This was now their sixth loss in a row.