



1972 Round 2 Sunday 2nd April Cumberland Oval



Western Suburbs 9

drew with

Parramatta 9

Tony FORD
Don ROGERS
Stephen KNIGHT
John ELFORD
Russell MULLINS
John HEYWARD
Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
John SHERIDAN
Olaf PRATTL
Barry BRYANT
John O'BRYAN
Ken STONESTREET
John WALKER
Brian WINNEY
Russell JOHNSTONE

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

Phil JELLEY
Terry SCURFIELD
Garry THOMAS
Peter LANGMACK
Bland LILES
Graham LYE
John WILSON
Brian SMITH
Keith CAMPBELL
John VINCENT
Denis FITZGERALD
John MCMARTIN
Bob O'REILLY (c)

Tries

John SHERIDAN

John McMARTIN

Goals

Tony FORD (3)

Bland LILES (3)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: P Jelley; three-quarters: T Scurfield, G Thomas, P Langmack, B Liles; five-eighth: G Lye; half: J Wilson; forwards: B Smith, K Campbell, J Vincent, D Fitzgerald, J McMartin. R O'Reilly (c)

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, S Knight, J Elford, R Mullins; five-eighth: J Heyward; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: J Baker, B Bryant, O Prattl, J O'Bryan, K Stonestreet, J Walker **Referee: C Edwards (The Sun 30th March 1972)**

Parramatta and Western Suburbs Rugby League teams yesterday battled in heavy rain for a 9-all draw at Cumberland Oval. They had also been locked at 7-all at half-time in a tense battle. Each side scored a try and three goals. Hooker John McMartin scored Parramatta's try in the first half. He followed through quickly after playing the ball a yard from the line and scored. Second-rower John Sheridan scored Wests' try. Fullback Tony Ford kicked three goals from seven attempts for Wests and winger Bland Liles three from six for Parramatta. Wests lost their 19-year-old five-eighth John Heyward early in the match with a twisted knee and bruised shoulder. Coach Don Parish said Heyward would be out of action for at least a month. Following Heyward's departure, Wests switched Tom Raudonikis from half-back to five-eighth. The replacement, Brian Winney played half-back. Winney made the break inside Parramatta's '25' to send second-rower, John Sheridan, across for Wests' try. **(Daily Telegraph 3rd April 1972)**

"Short arms" and a greasy ball probably cost Parramatta an extra competition point at Cumberland Oval yesterday. John Wilson, Parramatta's spirited young half, reached out to place the ball across the Western Suburbs' line 11 minutes into the second half but he couldn't reach it. The ball slid away and left the result a 9-all draw. Perhaps it was fitting; both sides gave their upmost in greasy and unkind conditions. Parramatta appreciated the comedown in class after Souths who made them look like hacks last week. They started briskly and with a good deal more menace than last week and their 7-2 lead after 12 minutes was indicative of their efforts. Wests did not oblige after the initial onslaught and the game remained very much in the balance from then on. Wests did well to come back and it was mainly due to captain Tommy Raudonikis, whose inventive thinking put Wests on the attack time and time again. Wests seem likely to be without their young five-eighth John Heywood for some time with shoulder and knee damage. Brian Winney, Heywood's replacement, was not far behind Raudonikis and young second-rower John Sheridan was responsible for a good deal of work in both defence and attack. Parramatta's defence improved dramatically after last week, particularly in the forwards. Denis Fitzgerald and Bob O'Reilly were far more eager for work, although O'Reilly still seemed lost in attack. **(The Sun 3rd April 1972)**

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Notes: This very willing contest was played in very muddy, greasy conditions. It was a tense match throughout, with the scores 7-all at half-time. Tom Raudonikis had a big game and was moved to five-eighth when John Heyward damaged his shoulder and ankle and was replaced by Brian Winney. John Sheridan was not in the original team but definitely played and scored a good try. Parramatta half, John Wilson, had a chance to win the match but dropped the greasy ball over the line.