



1969 Round 2 Thursday 3rd April Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 24

def.

Canterbury-Bankstown 3



Tony FORD
 Mick ALCHIN
 Barry GLASGOW
 Roy FERGUSON
 Peter FLANDERS
 Tim MURPHY
 Bruce BEER
 John BAKER
 Jim CODY
 Barry BRYANT
 Noel KELLY (c)
 Ken STONESTREET
 Steve WINTER

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

Les JOHNS
 Doug KELLY
 Bob HAGAN
 Bob DOYLE
 Ray STRUDWICK
 Les PERRY
 Ross KIDD
 Ron RAPER
 Kevin GOLDSPIK
 Barry SMITH
 Merv HICKS
 Col BROWN
 Kevin RYAN (c)

Tries Roy FERGUSON (2)
 Barry BRYANT
 Jim CODY

Ross KIDD

Goals Tony FORD (5)
 Barry GLASGOW (1) Field goal

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: L Johns; three-quarters: D Kelly, R Hagan, R Doyle, R Strudwick; five-eighth: L Perry; half: R Kidd; forwards: R Raper, K Goldspink, B Smith, M Hicks, C Brown, K Ryan (c)

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: P Flanders, B Glasgow, R Ferguson, M Alchin; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: B Beer; forwards: J Baker, J Cody, B Bryant, S Winter, K Stonestreet, N Kelly (c) **Referee: E Cook (The Sun 3rd April 1969)**

Western Suburbs last night thrashed Canterbury 24-3 in a one-sided Rugby League match at Lidcombe Oval. Wests' speedy backs and mobile forwards ran the Canterbury side off their legs. Canterbury's big forwards who had dominated the first round match against Newtown, were never in the hunt last night. The Berries were a rank disappointment after their 18-0 win over Newtown. Wests led after 12 minutes last night, and were never in trouble after that. At half-time they had the match well in hand with a 14-0 lead. Backline superiority enabled Wests to take charge of the match in the first half. Centre Roy Ferguson scored two grand tries with hard determined running. In his first try in the 20th minute, Ferguson raced up the right wing, pulled out of a tackle by Canterbury five-eighth Les Perry and pushed off Les Johns to score. Ten minutes later Ferguson finished off a neat blind side move, instigated by half, Bruce Beer, to score near the posts. Wests' full-back Tony Ford, after missing his first shot at goal, landed four in succession in the first half. Ford and Canterbury's Les Johns had an engrossing duel. The Wests' youngster, with his powerful punts, finished ahead of Johns on the night. Johns kicked frequently in the first half in a bid to rattle Ford. But he changed his tactics in the second half after Ford had frequently driven him back with long raking kicks. Wests consolidated their lead with a snap try soon after the interval. Forwards Winter and Cody combined neatly to send second-rower Barry Bryant over. Tony Ford added another goal soon afterwards, and Wests led 19-0. Canterbury's only score came ten minutes from the end when half-back Ross Kidd handled twice before diving over near the posts. Wests immediately hit back when second-rower Cody fielded a towering up-and-under by Noel Kelly to score. Centre Roy Ferguson with his straight determined running was the Western Suburbs' star last night. But there was not a bad player in the Wests line-up. It was a real team effort. Captain-coach Noel Kelly had his backs and forwards running on to the ball in impressive fashion. Canterbury played most of the match without penetration and with little purpose.

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... With more pace in the backline, Wests concentrated most of its attacks through its three-quarters. Centre Roy Ferguson scored two tries within 14 minutes to give Wests a match-winning lead. Ferguson ran 50 yards for his first try after 21 minutes and streaked through the opposition from 15 yards out for his second. Wests could do no wrong. Everything went its way – even a kick for touch by prop-forward and captain Noel Kelly. ... The first half featured many long kicking duels between the full-backs, Les Johns (Canterbury) and Tony Ford (Wests) **(Sydney Morning Herald 4th April 1969)**

Notes: Roy Ferguson was very dominant in a sparkling display by Wests. The forwards completely out-played the Canterbury pack, allowing the backs to have a field day. Tony Ford duelled with Les Johns all night and came out marginally in front against the in-form Test full-back. Barry Glasgow kicked the first of many field goals for the season. Barry Bryant also signalled the start of his stellar season with a powerful running display.