



1983 Round 20 Sunday 10th July Belmore Oval



Parramatta 39

def.

Western Suburbs 0

Gary PHILLIPS
 Neil HUNT
 David LIDDIARD
 Steve ELLA
 Eric GROTHE
 Ron QUINN
 Paul TAYLOR
 Gary MARTINE
 Steve SHARP
 Paul MARES
 Stan JURD
 Steve EDGE (c)
 Geoff BUGDEN
 Brad WILLIAMS
 Mick PATTISON
 Wayne MORROW
 Mark LAURIE

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

Warren BOLAND (c)
 Steve BROUGHTON
 Mark BEAVEN
 David HARRIS
 David GREENE
 Scott GALE
 Terry LAMB
 Michael DUKE
 Ian FREEMAN
 Brian BATTESE
 John DONNELLY
 Arthur MOUNTIER
 Bruce CLARK
 Brett GALE
 Peter LAMB



Tries

Ron QUINN
 Mick PATTISON
 Gary MARTINE
 Paul MARES
 Mark LAURIE
 Neil HUNT
 Eric GROTHE

Goals

Steve ELLA (5) One Field Goal
 Neil HUNT (1)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: G Phillips; three-quarters: N Hunt, D Liddiard, S Ella, E Grothe; five-eighth: R Quinn; half; P Taylor; forwards: G Martine, S Sharp, P Mares, S Jurd, S Edge (c), G Bugden

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Boland (c); three-quarters: S Broughton, D Harris, M Beaven, D Greene; five-eighth: S Gale; half: T Lamb; forwards: M Duke, I Freeman, B Battese, J Donnelly, A Mountier, B Clark **Referee: C Ward (The Sun 11th July 1983)**

Rival coaches Jack Gibson and Len Stacker were at odds yesterday over the merit of Parramatta's 39-0 whitewash of Western Suburbs at Belmore. For Wests' coach Stacker the seven-try blitz highlighted Parramatta as favourite to complete a hat-trick of premiership wins, but it did not inspire the Eels' master mentor Gibson with such lofty thoughts. "We wouldn't have won a championship today," he said grimly. Stacker said of the Eells: "They are easily the most mobile defensive team in the competition and even without a few stars today they could always spark something. They have to be the team to beat." ... Wests tackle the Sea Eagles for the first time next weekend at Lidcombe and again in the last round at Brookvale. The Magpies now are in line for the wooden spoon after the Belmore rout which left Wests last on the premiership table. Even without first-hand knowledge of Manly's strength, Stacker had every right to be impressed by Parramatta yesterday. The Eels went into the game minus internationals Ray Price, Brett Kenny, Peter Sterling and Mick Cronin, but still turned on a command performance. The Eels' young replacements, particularly five-eighth Ron Quinn and second-rower Paul Mares, played splendidly and were in the action all the way. Quinn, a 20-year-old pivot from Mick Cronin's hometown Gerringong, burst on to a Steve Sharp pass and galloped through a gap wide out before off-loading neatly to Steve Ella, who found Mares looming up in support. With speed belying his size, Mares charged 20 metres to score. ... **(Daily Telegraph 11th July 1983)**

...The 22-year-old Quinn, who travels to Sydney with Mick Cronin from Gerringong each week, made a huge impact in his first-grade debut. "Maybe you'll be the one driving him up in the future," coach Jack Gibson joked to Cronin about the treks both players share to training. Quinn set up Parramatta's first try and scored the second to finish behind only another stand-in player as Eels' best. Paul Taylor, filling in for the injured Test half Peter Sterling, organised play well in attack and as always was without fault in defence. ... **(The Sun 11th July 1983)**

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Notes: Parramatta were significantly understrength, but Wests provided little opposition in a very disappointing display. The only chance of a try was when Scott Gale dropped the ball with the line wide open. Brian Battese was clearly the best of a poor lot, even when hampered with a leg injury.