



1969 Round 20 Sunday 10th August Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 20

def.

Cronulla-Sutherland 10

Gary WESTON
Dick PICKETT
Jon CLARK
Roy FERGUSON
Don ROGERS
Barry GLASGOW
John MAXWELL
Rod SMITH
John BAKER
Barry BRYANT
Noel KELLY (c)
Ken STONESTREET
Doug WALKADEN

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

Gordon ABERCROMBIE
Ray CORCORAN
Greg PIERCE
Paul TAYLOR
Peter HOWARD
John MONIE
Tommy BISHOP
Graeme SAMS
John MAGUIRE
Graham WILSON
Alan McRITCHIE
Noel THORNTON (c)
Noel GALLAGHER

Tries

John BAKER
Jon CLARK
John MAXWELL
Doug WALKADEN

Noel GALLAGHER
Paul TAYLOR

Goals

Jon CLARK (1)
Barry GLASGOW (1)
Barry GLASGOW (2) Field goals

Gordon ABERCROMBIE (2)

Match Description

Cronulla-Sutherland: Full-back: G Abercrombie; three-quarters: R Corcoran, G Pierce, P Taylor, P Howard; five-eighth: J Monie; half: T Bishop; forwards: G Sams, J Maguire, G Wilson, A McRitchie, N Thornton (c), N Gallagher
Western Suburbs: Full-back: G Weston; three-quarters: R Pickett, J Clarke, R Ferguson, D Rogers; five-eighth: B Glasgow; half: J Maxwell; forwards: R Smith, J Baker, B Bryant, N Kelly (c), K Stonestreet, D Walkaden **Referee: R Humphreys (The Sun 11th August 1969)**

It was Noel Kelly day at Lidcombe Oval yesterday when Wests' international played his final game on his home ground. And the team he captains and coaches gave him a great retirement gift by battling to a 20-10 win against Cronulla. It was Wests' third win in a row and they seem to have struck pay-dirt now that they are well out of the competition. Kelly was "chaired" off the field by his team and was given a standing ovation by the crowd of 4,563. He came to Wests from Ipswich (Queensland) in 1961 and has played 115 first-grade games with them. A fiery, controversial figure, Kelly has played in 31 internationals and has been a great club man for the "Magpies." Kelly has lost count of the number of times he has been cautioned or sent off, but it has robbed him of little fire in attack or robustness in defence, as he showed yesterday. Other interest in the game was provided by the appearance of Kelly's old Test rival, Tommy Bishop, but there were no fireworks this time, as the pair seldom came into bodily contact. Bishop, immediately christened "Persil" by the crowd (because of his vividly white legs) did not have a good day. ... Barry Glasgow got his usual brace of field goals and his line kicks were remarkable, gaining valuable distance on many occasions and saving his forwards a lot of work. Second-grader Jon Clark had a big match in the centre for Wests, breaking the line of defence on many occasions and being rewarded with a try. Barry Bryant had another great match with relentless tackling and he set up the best try of the match. He made the break and then at least six Wests' players interchanged passes before Doug Walkaden went over. Wests' half-back John Maxwell capped a fine performance with a try after fooling the defence on the blind side. On Cronulla's side "top actor's" points to Bishop for his eloquent expressions of reproach to the referee after being penalised for scrum breaches. **(Sun 11th August 1969)**

Cronulla-Sutherland reserved the Rugby League wooden spoon when they were outclassed 20-10 by Western Suburbs at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Cronulla should have been the game's early leader but centre Greg Pierce bounced the ball over Wests' line in the second minute after Graham Wilson had sent him through. The Sharks then went through a 63-minute drought during which the Magpies amassed a 17-0 lead. Barry Glasgow had his side on the board after five minutes with one of his towering field goals and then repeated the effort five minutes later. With Ken Stonestreet providing a 2-1 majority of possession from the scrums Wests were allowed to run freely. .. Yesterday's match brought forward Jon Clark, a centre discovery, who scored the opening try and landed a penalty goal from touch in his initial first-grade game. **(Sydney Morning Herald 11th August 1969)**

Notes: Noel Kelly's final game at Lidcombe Oval was a convincing winning performance. He was chaired off the field by jubilant team-mates after a stellar career. Jon Clark debuted in the centre and had a very strong game. Barry Glasgow went back to five-eighth to replace the injured Raudonikis and again was dominant. Barry Bryant demonstrated why he was considered the form second-rower of the Sydney Competition.