



1969 Round 5 Friday 25th April Lidcombe Oval



Parramatta 18

Malcolm MOSS
Arch BROWN
Barry RUSHWORTH
Peter DELANEY
Dave IRVINE
John WILSON
Ivor LINGARD
Keith CAMPBELL
Ron LYNCH (c)
Barry LEANEY
Bill JONES
Bob O'REILLY
Mike JONES

def.

Western Suburbs 12

Tony FORD
Frank TAGG
John FISHER
Barry GLASGOW
Mick ALCHIN
Tim MURPHY
Bruce BEER
John BAKER
Jim CODY
Barry BRYANT
Steve WINTER
Ken STONESTREET
Noel KELLY (c)



Tries Arch BROWN (2)
Keith CAMPBELL
Dave IRVINE

Mick ALCHIN
Barry BRYANT

Goals Arch BROWN (3)

Tony FORD (2)
Barry GLASGOW (1) Field goal

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: F Tagg, B Glasgow, J Fisher, M Alchin; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: B Beer; forwards: J Baker, J Cody, B Bryant, N Kelly (c), K Stonestreet, S Winter

Parramatta: Full-back: M Moss; three-quarters: A Brown, B Rushworth, P Delaney, D Irvine; five-eighth: J Wilson; half: I Lingard; forwards: K Campbell, R Lynch, B Leaney, W Jones, R O'Reilly, M Jones **Referee: K Page (Sun 24th April 1969)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League winger Mick Alchin yesterday was ordered from the field during a rugged match, which underdogs Parramatta won 18-12 at Lidcombe Oval. Referee Keith Page ordered Alchin from the field 15 minutes into the second half and charged him with making a "deliberate and vicious stiff-arm tackle." Wests were leading 12-5 at the time thanks to a grand try Alchin scored three minutes earlier. Alchin's dismissal proved costly when opposing winger Dave Irvine raced across for a converted try 10 minutes from the finish to give Parramatta the lead for the first time in the match. Alchin's tackle felled Parramatta's second-rower Mike Jones but Jones managed to get the ball away. Referee Page let play flow on but Alchin raced towards Parramatta captain Ron Lynch and attempted a high tackle which missed. Page then ordered Alchin from the field much to the distaste of the Western Suburbs supporters in the crowd of 14,706. Once Alchin had departed, Lynch lifted his men with some great play himself. Lynch "made" Irvine's try with an elusive run through the ruck before getting the ball away to Barry Rushworth. Irvine, the Australian professional sprint champion, had little room to move after accepting Rushworth's pass but made the most of his blistering pace in a 45 yards run to the line. Wests' field goal specialist Barry Glasgow managed to land only one two pointer from five kicks. Glasgow could have saved the game with a field goal one minute from the finish. With Glasgow perfectly positioned and Wests trailing 12-13, captain Noel Kelly passed the ball from the ground right in front of the posts and incurred a penalty. ... Western Suburbs second-rower Barry Bryant notched the first of the day's six tries wide out in the 18th minute. Prop Bob O'Reilly and centre Peter Delaney combined to send winger Arch Brown across between the posts to level the score 5-5 at half-time. Thousands of children ran onto the field before Brown had attempted his conversion from right in front. With several hundred children gathered around him like a golf gallery, Brown landed his third goal from seven kicks. **(Daily Telegraph 26th April 1969)**

Parramatta Rugby League team stormed home to beat Western Suburbs 18-12 after Wests' fiery Mick Alchin was sent off at Lidcombe yesterday. Parramatta, sensing the man short, came from a 5-12 deficit to score three more tries in an exciting match. Alchin was ordered off by referee Keith Page after only 15 minutes of the second half, charged with a "deliberate and vicious stiff-arm." Referee Page had no hesitation in sending Alchin off after firstly second-rower Mike Jones was felled when in possession of the ball, and then Parramatta captain Ron Lynch was the target of another wild swing. ... But apart from this the game was hard, tough, lively and entertaining. Alchin was the hero one minute and the villain the next. He scored a very good try which appeared likely to put the seal on the game a couple of minutes before he was dismissed. Parramatta was playing sound football but Wests had an edge at that stage and the 12-5 margin looked too big a break for Parramatta. It is hard to say whether Parramatta would have gone so well had Wests had a full complement of players. **(Sydney Morning Herald April 26th 1969)**

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Notes: Mick Alchin was sent off for a high tackle and it was a definite strong factor in the loss. He had just scored a brilliant try only minutes before being sent off. Wests were right in the match until the final minute when the professional sprinter Dave Irvine got the ball and unmarked, because of Alchin's send-off, was able to sprint the length of the field. Most commentators considered Wests unlucky to lose this match.