



## 1969 Round 6 Sunday 4th May Kogarah Oval



### Western Suburbs 17

def.

### St George 15

Tony FORD  
Frank TAGG  
Barry GLASGOW  
Roy FERGUSON  
Don ROGERS  
Tim MURPHY  
Bruce BEER  
John BAKER  
Jim CODY  
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**  
**Replacement**

Dennis PRESTON  
Tony BRENTON  
Graeme LANGLANDS  
Tony BRANSON  
Johnny KING  
Phil HAWTHORNE  
Billy SMITH  
Johnny RAPER (c)  
Ken MADDISON  
Keith MADDISON  
Apisai TOGA  
Norm HENDERSON  
John WITTENBERG  
Max NINNIS

#### Tries

Tony FORD

Ken MADDISON

#### Goals

Barry GLASGOW (4)  
Barry GLASGOW (3) Field goals

Graeme LANGLANDS (4)  
Phil HAWTHORNE (2) Field goals

#### Match Description

**St George:** Full-back: D Preston; three-quarters: T Brenton, G Langlands, T Branson, J King; five-eighth: P Hawthorne; half: W Smith; forwards: J Raper (c), Ken Maddison, Keith Maddison, A Toga, N Henderson, J Wittenberg

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: F Tagg, B Glasgow, R Ferguson, D Rogers; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: B Beer; forwards: J Baker, J Cody, B Bryant, N Kelly (c), K Stonestreet, D Walkaden **Referee: B Barry (Sun 2nd May 1969)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League's team's sharp-shooting centre Barry Glasgow, snapped a field goal two minutes from the finish to snatch a dramatic 17-15 win over St George at Kogarah Oval yesterday. The field goal, from 35 yards out, broke a 25-minute deadlock that had the near-record crowd of 17,123 screaming with excitement. With the scores 15-all, West and St George had worked play from one end of the field to the other in efforts to "set up" their field-goal exponents. St George five-eighth Phil Hawthorne had his chance seven minutes from the finish, but missed from an easy position. Glasgow's turn came five minutes later. Wests worked play towards the centre of the field, and the crowd buzzed with excitement as the fourth tackle came up. Desperate St George defenders charged Glasgow, and some were bumped out of the way by West players as the rangy centre calmly kicked the goal. But St George did not let matters die there. It gained possession and as centre Graeme Langlands raced down the wing and kicked ahead the result virtually hung on the bounce of the ball. Winger Johnny King followed on but could not grab the ball as it bounced high. But he knocked it down and then picked it up to touch down. Some St George players leapt and waved their arms in glee but their joy was short-lived as referee Arthur Neville correctly ruled that King had knocked-on in goal. In a fine exhibition of goal-kicking, Glasgow landed four goals from six attempts and notched three field goals. Wests had a glut of possession from the scrums in the second half but could score only one try. Another "try" – when centre Roy Ferguson went over the line and was held on his back – was disallowed. Wests won the second half scrums 8-2 after leading 7-0 at one stage. This enormous weight of possession set the scene for a bruising struggle as the Saints hurled themselves at their black-jersey opponents. St George, leading 10-6 at half-time, zoomed to 15-8 after nine minutes of the second half when Ken Maddison finished off some polished work by Smith, Raper and Henderson and scored. But the delight of the St George supporters was dampened only two minutes later when Wests centre Roy Ferguson in-passed to full-back Tony Ford. Ford took the ball at top pace and was through before the defence realised what had happened. Saints lock Johnny Raper lined him up but the deft-footed Ford skipped away and scored near the posts to make it 15-13. Four minutes later, Glasgow kicked his fourth goal after St George hooker Norm Henderson was penalised. So it was 15-all. The match was hard and tough from the start, with a ton of fire in the forward struggle. St George lost full-back Dennis Preston with a pulled hamstring muscle after only 22 minutes. He was replaced by Max Ninnis, with Langlands going to full-back. Langlands had been fairly inconspicuous as a centre, but as full-back he was dangerous every time he ran the ball. In the slogging battle between the packs, none played better than second-rower Barry Bryant.

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**Notes:** Roy Ferguson returned from injury for this match and St George also had Billy Smith and Graeme Langlands returning. Barry Bryant was rewarded for his great form by being picked as a Reserve for City Firsts after this match and then playing for City Seconds. Tony Ford scored a dazzling try showing lots of pace and swerve. Ken Stonestreet again dominated the scrums, giving Wests enough possession for Barry Glasgow to work his field goal magic. A late field goal by Glasgow broke the deadlock on what looked to be a predictable draw.