1969 Round 7 Sunday 11th May North Sydney Oval

Western Suburbs 21   def.   North Sydney 18

Western Suburbs	Position	North Sydney
Tony FORD	*Fullback*	John BOOBY
Frank TAGG	*Wing*	Ken IRVINE
Barry GLASGOW	*Centre*	Denis CUBIS
Roy FERGUSON	*Centre*	Mick MAHER (c)
Don ROGERS	*Wing*	Gary BANKS
Tim MURPHY	*Five-eighth*	Leo TOOHEY
Bruce BEER	*Half*	Bob LANG
John BAKER	*Lock*	John McDONELL
Jim CODY	*Second Row*	John SULLIVAN
Barry BRYANT	*Second Row*	Eric PITT
Noel KELLY (c)	*Front Row*	Noel CAVANAGH
Ken STONESTREET	*Hooker*	Dick HARRIS
Doug WALKADEN	*Front Row*	Lloyd WEIER

	Western Suburbs	North Sydney
Tries	Noel KELLY	Noel CAVANAGH (2)
		Ken IRVINE
		Leo TOOHEY
Goals	Barry GLASGOW (5)	John BOOBY (3)
	Barry GLASGOW (3) Field goals	
	Roy FERGUSON (1) Field goal	

Match Description
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
North Sydney: Full-back: J Booby; three-quarters: K Irvine, D Cubis, M Maher (c), G Ambrum; five-eighth: L Toohey; half: R Lang; forwards: J McDonell, J Sullivan, E Pitt, N Cavanagh, R Harris, L Weier   **Referee: E Cook   (The Sun 9th May 1969)**

"Ned was the only player on the ground who could have scored that try." The tribute to Western Suburbs' captain Noel Kelly came from hooker Ken Stonestreet after the Magpies had beaten North Sydney 21-18 in a cliff-hanger at North Sydney yesterday. Kelly, playing in his one-hundredth game for Wests, capped a great captain's game by carrying four players over the line for a try that virtually clinched the game for his team. It came seven minutes from the end when Norths were clinging to an 18-14 lead. Wests had been hammering Norths' line for 10 minutes when centre Barry Glasgow jinked past two tacklers and found Kelly outside him. He unloaded the ball and as the crowd rose, Ned charged for the line less than 10 yards away. Three tacklers hit him simultaneously a yard short but Kelly – at full steam – plunged on a few more feet before a fourth Norths' defender hurtled at him. For a split second it looked as though he would be flung back across the line or "held up" for a dead ball. Then, suddenly, the group collapsed and at the bottom of the tangle could be seen a grinning Kelly, the ball beneath him pressed firmly to the ground. When Glasgow converted the try, only six minutes remained and Wests led 19-18. Norths again showed a lot of dash in attack and their four tries to one would have been enough against almost any other side in the competition. Another scoring field goal by Glasgow a few minutes later – his eighth goal of the match – wrapped up the scoring and Wests had scraped home for another two premiership points. The second half produced some of the brightest football of the season and with the score see-sawing throughout, the crowd of 9,018 was in constant uproar. The lead changed four times in the last 20 minutes and that was how close the game was – a few minutes more and the result could have easily been reversed. But Wests, with a match-winner like Barry Glasgow in the side, play their football accordingly and it takes thrust as well as team effort to set him up for as many field goal chances as he gets each week. **(The Sun 12th May 1969)**

An eight goal effort by centre Barry Glasgow lifted Western Suburbs to a thrilling 21-18 win over unlucky North Sydney. Norths scored four tries to one, but was kicked out of the match by Glasgow, who landed four penalties, a conversion and three field goals. Glasgow also combined well with fellow centre Roy Ferguson to control mid-field play in the second half. The crowd of 9,018 was in a continuous uproar in the last 20 minutes, as the lead changed four times. Wests' skipper, Noel Kelly, scored his team's lone try seven minutes from the end to virtually clinch the match. Glasgow's conversion made it 19-18 and right on full time he dropped a field goal. North was unlucky to lose after scoring four good tries. … **(Sydney Morning Herald 12th May 1969)**

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Notes: Although outscored four tries to one, Wests still deserved to win this match, Barry Glasgow slotting field goals when potential tries were foregone. The highlight of the match was Noel Kelly's barging 10 yard try carrying multiple defenders with him which gave Wests the lead late in the game. It was an exciting flowing game, especially in the second half. Glasgow's eight goals was obviously the eventual winning factor, although the team was obviously up for Noel Kelly's 100th game for the club..