



1967 Round 1 Saturday 1st April Pratten Park



South Sydney 23

def.

Western Suburbs 11

Kevin LONGBOTTOM
 Brian JAMES
 Bob MOSES
 Bob HONAN
 Alan HEILER
 Jim LISLE
 Eric SIMMS
 Ron COOTE
 John SATTLER (c)
 Bob McCARTHY
 John O'NEILL
 Fred ANDERSON
 Jim MORGAN

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

Don PARISH
 John MOWBRAY
 Peter DIMOND
 Rob McGUINNESS
 Dave BARSLEY
 Denis PITTARD
 Pat THOMAS
 Jim CODY
 John ARMSTRONG
 John HAYES
 Doug WALKADEN
 Ken STONESTREET
 Noel KELLY (c)
 Noel DOLTON



Tries Alan HEILER (2)
 Bob HONAN

John ARMSTRONG

Goals Eric SIMMS (6)
 Kevin LONGBOTTOM (1)

Don PARISH (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: J Mowbray, R McGuinness, P Dimond, D Barsley; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: P Thomas; forwards; J Cody, J Hayes, J Armstrong, D Walkaden, K Stonestreet, N Kelly (c)

South Sydney: Full-back: K Longbottom; three-quarters: A Heiler, R Honan, R Moses, B James; five-eighth: J Lisle; half: E Simms; forwards; R Coote, J Sattler (c), R McCarthy, J O'Neill, F Anderson, J Morgan **Referee: C Langton (as per program Rugby League News 1st/2nd April 1967+ newspaper validation)**

Western Suburbs Rugby league captain-coach Noel Kelly yesterday collapsed and was taken to hospital following the South Sydney-West's match at Pratten Park. Kelly was knocked unconscious in the second minute of an incident-packed match and suffered severe concussion. He was carried from the field on a stretcher but insisted staying at the ground until the end of the match – won 32-11 by Souths. After being treated in the dressing room Kelly, although still groggy, came out to watch the final 15 minutes of the game. He collapsed as he was preparing to leave the ground after the match. Wests' officials took Kelly to Lewisham Hospital where he was detained for several hours for observation. A hospital spokesman last night reported his condition as being "quite satisfactory." Kelly struck his head on the ground when tackled by South Sydney captain John Sattler. The Pratten Park crowd were stunned, as Kelly, one of the toughest men in League, had to be carried from the field obviously "out cold." The incident was one of a number in a dramatic opening few minutes after the match. The match produced probably the most sensational opening 10 minutes of a football match in years. ... Within six minutes of the kick-off in the main match Test centre Peter Dimond became the fifth player sent off for the day. Referee Carl Langton gave Dimond his marching orders after a tackle of Souths' centre Bob Moses. ... This was the sequence from the kick-off yesterday: * ... *Second minute: Noel Kelly was knocked unconscious and carried from the field on a stretcher *Third Minute: Wests' winger John Mowbray failed by inches to gather a high kick on the Souths' line *Fifth minute: Peter Dimond was cautioned for using a stiff-arm tackle on Souths' winger Brian James *Sixth Minute: Bob Moses was flattened and Dimond was ordered from the field for using a stiff-arm tackle *Eighth Minute: Wests' second-rower John Armstrong, who had just switched into the centre, scored a superb individual try. ... (Sunday Telegraph 2nd April 1967)

... Souths did not gain the upper hand until the final minutes although Wests played for 74 minutes with only 12 men and lost its captain, Noel Kelly, injured after a couple of minutes. ... Souths' win was its first over Wests at Pratten Park since the first round of the 1956 competition. Before the champagne corks start to pop over South's win, a little realism should be injected into the match. Souths did not take a stranglehold on the match until the last five minutes of the game. ... Wests' full-back Don Parish has a miserable day, giving away penalties that enabled Souths to score its first six points. But he made some amends by landing four successive goals in the second half from off-side penalties against Souths' players. Wests' sole try came after eight minute' play when Armstrong raced through from the dummy-half position with the South's defence everywhere but where it should have been. Wests' new prop, Noel Dolton, came on for Kelly, but he could not play in the second half after suffering severe leg cramps. ... (Sun-Herald 2nd April 1967)

Notes: Wests had a strong pack with the inclusion of ex-Manly prop Doug Walkaden, but the match was turned on its head early when Noel Kelly was flattened and carried from the field with what was later diagnosed as brain bruising. Peter Dimond was also sent off early but Wests continued to battle and were right in the match until two Heiler tries in the last five minutes.