



1971 Round 11 Sunday 6th June Cumberland Oval



Parramatta 31

def.

Western Suburbs 15

Ken THORNETT
 Terry SCURFIELD
 Ron GRAHAM
 Peter LANGMACK
 Ken MacFARLANE
 Graeme LYE
 Noel McHALE
 Keith CAMPBELL
 Dick THORNETT
 Ron LYNCH (c)
 Bob O'REILLY
 John McMARTIN
 Denis FITZGERALD
 Gary PETHYBRIDGE

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

Russell MULLINS
 Don ROGERS
 Tim MURPHY
 Noel HURFORD
 Jon CLARK
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Brian WINNEY
 Barry BRYANT
 John BAKER
 Tony ANTUNAC
 Russell JOHNSTONE
 Ken STONESTREET
 Kevin TIMBS
 Wayne MERRY



Tries
 Kevin MacFARLANE (3)
 Gary PETHYBRIDGE (2)
 Ron GRAHAM
 Terry SCURFIELD

Wayne MERRY
 Tim MURPHY
 Tom RAUDONIKIS

Goals
 Keith CAMPBELL (5)

Jon CLARK (3)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: K Thornett; three-quarters: G Pethybridge, R Graham, P Langmack, K McFarlane; five-eighth: G Lye; half: N McHale; forwards: K Campbell, R Thornett, R Lynch (c), D Fitzgerald, J McMartin, R O'Reilly

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Mullins; three-quarters: D Rogers, T Murphy, W Merry, J Clark; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: B Winney; forwards: A Antunac, J Baker, B Bryant, K Timbs, K Stonestreet, R Johnstone **Referee: L Samuelson (Rugby League Week 12th June 1971)**

Speedy winger Kevin McFarlane ran away with the show the Australian selectors wanted to see at Cumberland Oval yesterday. A number of young Parramatta backs were to have been studied but it was McFarlane who kept bursting into the limelight. He finished with three tries in Parramatta's 31-15 win over Wests to consolidate the Eels third place on the points table. McFarlane now must be in the running as some sort of chance for the Australian team for NZ particularly as the selectors are looking for young players. He has scored 11 tries in the first 11 rounds of the premiership which compares well with the top figure of 16 tries for the whole season by any player last year. McFarlane, a 21-year-old fitter and machinist, is a Toongabbie lad and yet another local boy to come good for Parramatta. McFarlane's first try was from his own 25 and after bursting through a group of would-be tacklers early on he swerved away from the cover defence and full-back Mullins. His second came when Graham Lye put the ball in the air over Wests' line on a sixth tackle and he kept his eyes right on it to score again. Parramatta played what could be to a great extent termed copybook football. The forwards did the work and the backs scored the tries. All seven tries were registered by the three-quarter line, six by wingers and the other by centre Ron Graham. Terry Scurfield, playing right wing, scored a try before going off injured, and his replacement, Gary Pethybridge landed two. In the forwards the old firm of architects for victory Dick Thornett and Ron Lynch were at their best. He and Lynch were scheming all the time and with Bob O'Reilly and Keith Campbell running strongly Parramatta had all the ingredients for another win. Graham's try was a smart individual effort in which he pushed off prop Russ Johnstone and then full-back Russ Mullins to start the second half scoring riot by Parramatta. Wests' five-eighth Tommy Raudonikis showed flashes of class and Barry Bryant worked hard against the skilled Parramatta pack. Full-back Russ Mullins, younger and lighter brother of Easts winger Bill, showed all the family speed in several bursts down the centre and at 18 he has lots of potential. **(The Sun 7th June 1971)**

Parramatta defeated Western Suburbs 31-15 in yesterday's Rugby League match at Cumberland Oval but did not enhance their semi-final prospects. Parramatta mixed some good play with poor handling, badly timed passing and a reluctance to tackle. In coach Ian Walsh's words, "It was just a win." Ten tries were scored during the match, seven by Parramatta backs. Parramatta led 8-2 at half-time and quickly added 15 points after the interval to wrap up the game. For Parramatta, second-rower Dick Thornett, lock forward Campbell and winger McFarlane had good games. Wests were best served by five-eighth Raudonikis and second-rower Bryant. In the reserve grade match, Wests winger Mick Alchin was ordered off by referee Richard Humphries. He will be charged with "punching an opponent during a late tackle." **(Daily Telegraph 7th June 1971)**

Notes: Wests played yet again with a re-shuffled team. Rod Smith was a late withdrawal, replaced by Tony Antunac. John Elford was also replaced by Tim Murphy, with Noel Hurford injured during the game, replaced by Wayne Merry. Russell Mullins, at full-back, gave a demonstration of his potential but the team was out-played badly again. Raudonikis and Bryant continued their great form and were the best for Wests.