



1964 Round 12 Sunday 12th July Sports Ground



Western Suburbs 22

def.

Eastern Suburbs 5

Ken BRAY
 John ARMSTRONG
 Rob McGUINESS
 Gil MacDOUGALL
 Peter DIMOND
 Roy FERGUSON
 Don MALONE
 Ron COSTELLO
 John HAYES
 Jim CODY
 Denis MEANEY
 Noel KELLY (c)
 Jack GIBSON

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

Frank DRAKE
 Bob LANDERS
 Jim MATTHEWS
 Ron SADDLER
 Greg DAVIES
 Peter GALLAGHER
 Kevin JUNEE
 Kevin ASHLEY
 Terry MATTHEWS
 Jeff SKENE
 Nat SILCOCK (c)
 Ken ASHCROFT
 Geoff WALDIE
 Cliff BOYD

Tries Peter DIMOND (2)
 John ARMSTRONG
 Don MALONE

Ron SADDLER

Goals Ken BRAY (5)

Kevin ASHLEY (1)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: F Drake; three-quarters: R Landers, J Matthews, R Saddler, G Davies; five-eighth: P Gallagher; half: K Junee; forwards: K Ashley, T Matthews, J Skene, N Silcock (c), K Ashcroft, G Waldie

Western Suburbs: Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: J Armstrong, R McGuinness, G MacDougall, P Dimond; five-eighth: R Ferguson; half: D Malone; forwards: R Costello, J Hayes, J Cody, D Meaney, N Kelly (c), J Gibson **Referee: J Harris (as per program Rugby League News 9th, 11th, 12th July 1964 + newspaper validation)**

Western Suburbs yesterday kept alive its Rugby League semi-final hopes with a convincing 22-5 win against Eastern Suburbs at the Sports Ground. Against a disjointed Easts' defence, Wests scored three converted second half tries after leading 7-0 at half-time. With Test hooker Kelly winning a big share of the ball, Wests continually stormed the Easts' line in the second half. Former international Peter Dimond and second-rower Jim Cody shone for Wests. Cody engineered many Wests' attacks with strong side-stepping bursts from the rucks. Dimond scored two clever tries. Only tireless cover defence by Easts' centre Ron Saddler stopped Wests scoring by an even greater margin. **(Daily Telegraph 13th July 1964)**

Western Suburbs played strongly to beat Eastern Suburbs 22-5 in the Rugby League match at the Sports Ground yesterday. Wests led 7-0 at half-time after running with the wind. They scored four tries and went close to scoring four more. Bob McGuinness and Noel Kelly failed to force the ball after diving over the line and two other players were hurtled into touch in goal. Wests outplayed Easts in the backs and in the forwards. Kelly showed fine leadership in keeping the ball moving among his players. ... Wests' forward Jim Cody led many breaks into Easts' territory. Easts centre Ron Saddler stopped many movements with glorious tackles. ... Wests have every reason to be pleased with their form in their late struggle to improve their position on the competition table. Kangaroo winger Peter Dimond scored two fine tries in a purposeful display. On the other wing, John Armstrong, a reserve grade centre, proved very difficult to stop. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 13th July 1964)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League players will go into special training quarters for a week if they gain a place in the final four. They will be accommodated on a big citrus property at Lower Portland. The players would live in three homestead buildings, and special diet and conditioning would be superintended by coach Jack Fitzgerald. Following Wests' defeat of Easts, 22-5, at the Sports Ground yesterday, the secretary Mr Bill Beaver, announced their big training plan. The players would see League films and their daily workouts on the property. Mr Beaver said that to gain a place in the final four, Wests would have to win six games in succession, or at least five games with some of the favoured teams being defeated by others not in the running. **(The Sun 13th July 1964)**

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Notes: This was one of Wests' best wins so far in the season They completely outplayed Easts, with Peter Dimond and John Armstrong being dominant on the wings and Jim Cody leading the forward charges. John Armstrong had come in for the injured John Mowbray. Wests, at this stage, still had hopes of making the final four.