



# 1966 Round 12 Saturday 2nd July Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 7

def.

## South Sydney 3

Don PARISH  
 John MOWBRAY  
 John ELFORD  
 Rob McGUINESS  
 Peter DIMOND  
 Denis PITTARD  
 Pat THOMAS  
 Doug PAGE  
 John HAYES  
 Jim CODY  
 Denis MEANEY (c)  
 Noel THORNTON  
 Alan ALLISON

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

Kevin LONGBOTTOM  
 Brian JAMES  
 Bob MOSES (c)  
 Eric SIMMS  
 Mike CLEARY  
 Mick FALLA  
 Ivan JONES  
 Garry STEVENS  
 Bob McCARTHY  
 Ron COOTE  
 Jim MORGAN  
 Fred ANDERSON  
 John O'NEILL



**Tries** John MOWBRAY

Brian JAMES

**Goals** Don PARISH (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: J Mowbray, R McGuinness, G MacDougall, P Dimond; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: P Thomas; forwards: D Page, J Hayes, J Cody, D Meaney (c), N Thornton, A Allison

**South Sydney:** Full-back: K Longbottom; three-quarters: B James, E Simms, R Moses (c), M Cleary; five-eighth: M Falla; half: I Jones; forwards: G Stevens, R McCarthy, R Coote, J Morgan, F Anderson, J O'Neill **Referee: J Farrelly (as per program Rugby League News 2nd/3rd July 1966 + newspaper validation)**

South Sydney's poor display against Western Suburbs at Pratten Park yesterday could cost it a final four place. Souths continually attacked throughout the game but the Wests' defence was too solid. However, Souths' players, including Ron Coote, Bob McCarthy, Mick Falla and Bob Moses, continually elected to go alone, and as a result jolted the attack. Souths failed as a team and Wests revelled in the slower, slugging type of game that Souths played. Thirty minutes went by in the first half before a try was scored. Brian James crossed after a weave and quick dash for the corner. Jim Morgan, Souths' front-rower, who worked hard throughout the match, had made the break for James with a good run and pass. Falla gathered in Morgan's pass to finally send James away. The movement should have given Souths the cue on teamwork, but despite grand efforts by Morgan the team became individual in its efforts to win the match. Wests' try came from a kick through by Rob McGuinness. John Mowbray followed on and kicked again and finally fell on the ball over Souths' line. Don Parish, Wests' full-back, landed the goal. With only four minutes remaining Longbottom virtually ended the match when he failed to find touch from a penalty and gave Wests possession. Jim Morgan enhanced his chances for the State team selection, while John O'Neill, Ivan Jones, and Brian James played well. Wests' forwards, led by Denis Meaney, Noel Thornton, John Hayes and Alan Allison, were a solid group. Peter Dimond was as rugged as usual while Don Parish moved well from the full-back position. **(Sunday Mirror 3rd July 1966)**

Western Suburbs yesterday upset South Sydney 7-3 in a torrid Rugby League forward battle at Pratten Park. The teams were level 3-3 at half-time. Front-row forwards Denis Meaney and Alan Allison were outstanding for Wests. Together with the excellent defence of lock-forward Doug Page, they subdued South Sydney. The game developed into a match between the forwards on a greasy field. Only brilliant defence by Western Suburbs withstood the strong forward attack by South Sydney for the last 15 minutes of play. South Sydney surprisingly neglected their backs when Wests had the forwards covered. Some variation of the play would have given their speedy wingers an opportunity to function. Only once did the ball go cleanly to the wing and Brian James ran 40 yards to score in the corner. Front-row forward Jim Morgan started this movement when he ran 20 yards and passed to five-eighth Mick Falla, who smartly sent the ball to James travelling at full speed. This was the only occasion that South's wingers were given the opportunity to move. When the ball did reach the wings on other occasions the wingers were surrounded by three or four defenders. Mainly responsible for this was centre Bob Moses, who rarely passed the ball but constantly tried to break through where there was no opening. Souths' half, Ivan Jones, gave a splendid display of initiative in attack, making several openings but lacking support. **(Sunday Telegraph 3rd July 1966)**

**Notes:** This was very torrid forward battle; surprising given the speed of the respective backlines, but the conditions were very greasy. Jim Cody and Ron Coote were both cautioned early after a set-to and the forward clashes continued, with Denis Meaney and Alan Allison both being prominent. Don Parish played his first First Grade game of the season, coming in for the injured Dave Barsley. He played well and a late penalty goal was crucial. John Mowbray scored Wests' only try of the match after using his speed to score in the corner.