



1964 Round 13 Sunday 19th July North Sydney Oval



North Sydney 19

def.

Western Suburbs 10

Fred GRIFFITHS (C)
Ken IRVINE
Mick MAHER
Col GREENWOOD
Eric SLADDEN
Len DIETT
Dinny O'BRYAN
John GUDGEON
Bill CANE
Don DOAK
Ray DAWSON
Ross WARNER
Lloyd WEIER
Eddie MAY

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

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



Tries

Ross WARNER
Eric SLADDEN
Len DIETT

Rob McGUINNESS
John HAYES

Goals

Fred GRIFFITHS (5)

Ken BRAY (2)

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back: F Griffiths (c); three-quarters: K Irvine, M Maher, C Greenwood, E Sladden; five-eighth: L Diett; half: D O'Bryan; forwards: J Gudgeon, W Cane, D Doak, R Dawson, R Warner, L Weier

Western Suburbs: Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: J Mowbray, 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 Bradley (as per program Rugby League News 16th,18th,19th July 1964 + newspaper validation)**

North Sydney Rugby League team yesterday knocked desperately unlucky Western Suburbs out of semi-final calculations with a 19-10 win at North Sydney Oval. Wests battled through most of the second half without replacement lock Doug Page and with centre Ron Costello a virtual passenger. Page and Costello were injured just after half-time. Page, a half-time replacement for Roy Ferguson, broke a collar bone. Wests are now five points behind fourth-placed team South Sydney. Wests showed great courage in the second half to cling to a one point lead until ten minutes from full-time. Then Norths' five-eighth Len Diett at last found a gap in the Wests' defence to dart through to score between the posts. Griffith's conversion gave Norths a 14-10 lead, the first time it had held the lead in the match. Wests stormed back into the attack and for several minutes hammered the Norths' line. With six minutes to go Norths conceded a deliberate penalty near its own goal-posts. Wests' captain Noel Kelly elected to use an up and under, but full-back Ken Bray's kick floated over the dead-ball line. Norths closed the game up in the dying minutes, and right on full-time hooker Ross Warner dashed over between the posts. The match was a thriller, with both sides producing top-class football. Wests' forwards played magnificently, with captain Noel Kelly and young second-rower Jim Cody, outstanding. Norths' lock John Gudgeon stood out with his cover work around the rucks. **(Daily Telegraph 20th July 1964)**

Injuries proved disastrous for Western Suburbs Rugby League team at North Sydney Oval yesterday. Wests led 5-4 at half-time but were beaten 19-10 by North Sydney after playing a man short for all but five minutes of the second half. Wests lost their promising five-eighth Roy Ferguson at half-time and his replacement Doug Page suffered a broken collarbone soon after play resumed. At the end of the match, Wests' full-back Ken Bray was carried from the field on a stretcher, suffering from concussion. Page's inclusion had caused several position changes. Ron Costello who had injured an ankle in the first half when playing lock, went to the wing and Peter Dimond moved to the centre. Rob McGuinness played five-eighth. ... Despite the setbacks, Wests' forwards, led by Noel Kelly, Jim Cody and John Hayes, played with such spirit that their 12-man team led 10-4 after 16 minutes of the second half. ... **(The Sydney Morning Herald 20th July 1964)**

Notes: The injury toll that had crippled Wests for the whole season continued in this match. Roy Ferguson, who had been playing well at five-eighth, was injured and replaced by Doug Page at half-time. Page lasted three minutes before breaking a collarbone. Ken Bray also suffered his third concussion in a row, having collapsed in the dressing-room after the previous game. Ron Costello also injured an ankle and was a passenger on the wing for most of the second half, Peter Dimond going to centre. Even so, Wests fought gallantly and were right in the match until Ross Warner scored the winning Norths' try right on full-time.