



1966 Round 13 Saturday 9th July Pratten Park



Parramatta 19

def.

Western Suburbs 9

Kerry BURKE
 Gabe VERY
 Fred PICKUP
 Barry RUSHWORTH
 David IRVINE
 Ivor LINGARD
 Ern GILLON
 Mike JONES
 Ted HEINRICH
 Dick THORNETT
 Peter MAHBOUB
 Bill RAYNER
 Brian HAMBLY (c)

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

Dave BARSLEY
 John MOWBRAY
 Peter DIMOND
 Rob McGUINNESS
 Don PARISH
 Denis PITTARD
 Pat THOMAS
 Doug PAGE
 John HAYES
 Jim CODY
 Denis MEANEY
 Noel THORNTON
 Noel KELLY (c)



Tries
 Fred PICKUP (2)
 Ivor LINGARD
 Mike JONES
 Gabe VERY

Doug PAGE

Goals
 Kerry BURKE (1)
 Brian HAMBLY (1)

Dave BARSLEY (3)

Match Description

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

Parramatta: Full-back: K Burke; three-quarters: G Very, F Pickup, B Rushworth, D Irvine; five-eighth: I Lingard; half: E Gillon; forwards; M Jones, R Thornett, E Heinrich, B Hambly (c), W Rayner, P Mahboub **Referee: W Kelly (The Sun 9th July 1966)**

Splendid teamwork was the outstanding feature of Parramatta's convincing win 19-9 over Western Suburbs in the rugby League game at Pratten Park yesterday. Parramatta scored five tries to one by Wests and if Parramatta has a reliable goal-kicker the margin would have been considerably wider. .. The game opened on a sensational note. In the first minute a scrum went down, but before the ball could be put in, Parramatta hooker Billy Rayner collapsed on the ground. It was several minutes before he could be revived and he was assisted to the sideline. However, he would not go off and ran back to pack down in the scrum. ... Wests recovered soon after half-time when Doug Page scored to reduce Parramatta's lead to 10-7. It seemed Wests might pull the game out of the fire, particularly when Barsley kicked a goal five minutes later. But the game changed when Parramatta scooped up a loose ball and Lingard went in for a try. **(Sun-Herald 10th July 1966)**

Parramatta hooker Bill Rayner was flattened in the first scrum of the Rugby League match against West at Pratten Park yesterday. Parramatta won 19-9. The front row men of both teams were battle-scarred after the match. Rayner had one eye almost completely closed, and, with this handicap, failed to win a single scrum in the second half. It was many minutes before the Parramatta hooker was able to continue. Early it appeared as though a brawl would occur. Fiery Wests' front-rower, Noel Kelly, making a bid for Second Test selection, tangled with Rayner after the first scrum, and was cautioned minutes later after an incident with Parramatta centre Barry Rushworth. Kelly obviously needed the run yesterday. Parramatta survived an early Wests' onslaught, and loss of the ball in the second half to go on and score five tries to one. Wests were lax in the opening half, and only sound defence by lock Doug Page, saved the day on many occasions. Just when Wests looked like bridging the gap in the second half, Parramatta received the breaks. Wests had many chances, but loose passes at crucial stages ruined movements. Wests' Test prospect, Peter Dimond, went well, but found an equal in another former Test player, Barry Rushworth. ...Dave Barsley landed two goals for Wests and the score at half-time was 10-4. Wests played with purpose at the beginning of the second half and Page went in for a try after Bob McGuinness had made a nice break. Wests then looked dangerous, but Don Parish, on the wing, threw some loose passes that spoilt promising moves. Wests drew up to 10-9 before Parramatta scored again.. Wests began to wilt, and with five minutes to go Parramatta was in again when Gabe Very went along touch to score. ... Page and Hayes were Wests' best forwards, and Dave Barsley thrilled with his play from full-back. **(Sunday Mirror 10th July 1966)**

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Notes: This match started sensationally, with Parramatta hooker, Billy Rayner, being knocked unconscious in the first scrum. Noel Kelly, in his comeback match also had a fierce altercation with Parramatta centre Barry Rushworth. Except for some exceptional Doug Page tackling Parramatta may have led by much more than the 10-4 half-time score. Even though Wests got close, Parramatta eventually scored late tries to be convincing winners.