



1964 Round 16 Saturday 8th August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 18

def.

Parramatta 8

Ken BRAY
 John ARMSTRONG
 Rob McGUINESS
 Gil MacDOUGALL
 Peter DIMOND
 Roger BUTTENSCHAW
 Don MALONE
 Kevin SMYTH
 John HAYES
 Jim CODY
 Denis MEANEY
 Noel KELLY (c)
 Ken OWENS

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

Ken THORNETT
 Ken FOORD
 Bill RONEY
 Barry RUSHWORTH
 Kerry BURKE
 Ivor LINGARD
 Bob BUGDEN
 Ron LYNCH (c)
 Barry LEANEY
 Dick THORNETT
 Brian HAMBLY
 Bill RAYNER
 Noel DOLTON

Tries

Peter DIMOND
 Gil MacDOUGALL
 Roger BUTTENSCHAW
 Ken BRAY

Bob BUGDEN
 Bill RONEY

Goals

Ken BRAY (3)

Brian HAMBLY (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: J Armstrong, R McGuiness, G MacDougall, P Dimond; five-eighth: R Buttenshaw; half: D Malone; forwards: K Smyth, J Hayes, J Cody, D Meaney, N Kelly (c), K Owens

Parramatta: Full-back: K Thornett; three-quarters: K Foord, W Roney, B Rushworth, K Burke; five-eighth: I Lingard; half: R Bugden; forwards: R Lynch (c), B Leaney, R Thornett, B Hambly, W Rayner, N Dolton **Referee: J Bradley (The Sun 8th August 1964)**

Parramatta paid dearly for a sluggish display and went down to Wests in the Rugby League game at Pratten Park yesterday. ... Wests played its best football of the season. Parramatta, although feeling the effects of the mid-week game against Balmain in the State Cup, played loose football. The tactics of Wests in bustling Ken Thornett, and attacking down the wings, gave the Magpies four tries. Down 6-2 in the scrums for the first half, Wests were still able to lead 5-2 at half-time. Parramatta was flat-footed and disjointed in attack. Wests' only blemish during this half was a failure to straighten the attack on several occasions. With penalties coming fast against Parramatta, Bray was expected to capitalise. But the Wests' fullback could only land one goal from five attempts. However, Bray led the way with his straight running, and crossed for a try after a smart dummy and run. Meaney, Owens and Kelly were prominent, with Smyth always alert and probing the defence during this first half. Parramatta opened the second half with two quick tries by Roney and Bugden. But Hambly missed the chance to convert. The new lease of life by Parramatta was short-lived as Wests, led by Kelly, Meaney, Smyth and McGuinness started moves that had their rivals grasping and groping in defence. Hambly came to life, and, with Leaney and Lynch, tried to save his side from defeat. Wests were not to be denied and added tries by Buttenshaw, MacDougall and Dimond to make victory certain. That trio was Wests' best, while McGuinness and Bray, in the backs, gave outstanding support. Lingard, Leaney and Hambly were the triers for Parramatta. **(Sunday Mirror 9th August 1964)**

... Wests yesterday revealed a number of flaws in the Parramatta make-up. In particular, it exploited the tendency of the Parramatta forwards to "bunch." Second-rowers John Hayes and Jim Cody played wide for much of the game and proved a constant menace to the Parramatta defence. ... All of West's four tries came after probing runs on the fringes of the rucks. After the match Parramatta was a battered and weary side. Parramatta players clearly showed the effects of Wednesday's gruelling State Cup semi-final against Balmain. Wests, under the guidance of wily captain Noel Kelly, fought back from an 8-5 deficit early in the second half. Following a try by five-eighth Roger Buttenshaw Wests gradually gained the upper hand. Wests held a slender 5-2 lead at half-time after a brilliant solo try by full-back Ken Bray. Bray caught the defence napping in a diagonal 40-yard run to the corner post five minutes before half-time. Parramatta started the second half as if it intended to crush Wests. Within 10 minutes it had taken the lead for the first time with two smart tries. Centre Bill Roney and half Bob Bugden scored the tries in a period of purposeful Parramatta football. With Kelly leading the way Wests then began its fight-back. It regained the lead in the 12th minute when McGuinness and Dimond combined in a 50-yard move to send five-eighth Buttenshaw over. From that point on Wests were in control of the match. **(Sunday Telegraph 9th August 1964)**

Notes: Parramatta needed to win to most probably be minor premiers, so this was considered a big upset. After Parramatta scored two early second-half tries Wests' forwards, particularly Hayes and Cody, cut the Parramatta pack to pieces and Wests put on three tries, with Bob McGuinness showing blistering speed and evasiveness in the centres. Ken Bray also scored a brilliant individual try. McGuinness was originally at five-eighth but he moved to the centres and Roger Buttenshaw came into the team, scoring a good try.