1967 Round 17 Sunday 16th July Lidcombe Oval

Western Suburbs 10   def.   Penrith 4

Western Suburbs	Position	Penrith
Don PARISH	*Fullback*	Neil BAILEY (c)
Rob McGUINESS	*Wing*	Bob LANDERS
Roy FERGUSON	*Centre*	Ern GILLON
Peter DIMOND	*Centre*	David APPLEBEE
Dave BARSLEY	*Wing*	Tom WILSON
Denis PITTARD	*Five-eighth*	Maurie RAPER
Ross GOODMAN	*Half*	Laurie FAGAN
Barry BRYANT	*Lock*	Bill TONKIN
Jim CODY	*Second Row*	Russ JOHNSTONE
John ARMSTRONG	*Second Row*	Bill McCALL
Doug WALKADEN	*Front Row*	Geoff WALDIE
Bill HANSEN	*Hooker*	Ron WORKMAN
Noel KELLY (c)	*Front Row*	George PIPER

Tries

Goals   Don PARISH (5) One field goal   Bob LANDERS (1)
Neil BAILEY (1)

Match Description
Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: J Elford, P Dimond, R Ferguson, D Barsley; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: R Goodman; forwards: B Bryant, J Cody, J Armstrong, D Walkaden, K Stonestreet, N Kelly (c)
Penrith: Full-back: N Bailey; three-quarters: R Landers, E Gillon, D Applebee, T Wilson; five-eighth: M Raper; half: L Fagan; forwards: W Tonkin, R Johnstone, W McCall, G Waldie, R Workman, G Piper   **Referee: K Page   (as per program Rugby League News 15th/16th July 1967 + Newspaper validation)**

The reliable boot of full-back Don Parish yesterday gave Western Suburbs a 10-4 Rugby League win against Penrith at Lidcombe Oval. Parish provided all the Wests' points in a tryless match. The victory keeps Wests well in the premiership race. Wests led 6-0 at half-time, and though they looked the better team in the first half, they had a tough job against a determined Penrith defence after the break. The fact that Wests could not score a try testifies to the spirit of Penrith's defence. Wests' hooker, Ken Stonestreet, won the scrums 21-7, and in the second half held a 12-1 advantage. Yet Penrith kept the scoring to 4-4 in the second spell. Parish had kicked three penalties from three attempts in the first 16 minutes. Penrith's Bob Landers missed his first three shots, and apart from the scrum discrepancy, that was about all there was in it. Penrith's hero was the 20-year-old full-back Neil Bailey, up for his second game in the top grade after spending most of the season as reserve half. He was under intense pressure as Wests won a glut of possession, but turned back the tide time and again with a resolute full-back display. His clever running was a feature as he weaved and ducked his way past defenders. And his last-ditch tackling saved at least one try when he dragged down Wests' winger Dave Barsley with the rest of the defence broken. **(Daily Telegraph 17th July 1967)**

… In a rugged game, solid defence prevented any tries being scored. Parish was dazed for some time after being tackled in the first half. He was moved to the wing, with winger Dave Barsley going to full-back. But Parish resumed his usual position after half-time. Barsley later sustained a gash above his right eye which necessitated four stitches. He went back on the field after receiving attention. … Wests had a 21-7 advantage from the scrums, including 12-1 in the second half but was unable to penetrate. ... **(Sydney Morning Herald 17th July 1967)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League match-winning full-back Don Parish yesterday played the second half against Penrith thinking he was at Harold Park trots. Parish won the match for Wests with a strong all-round display, but only broke even at the trots. A heavy knock in the first half sent Parish sprawling at Lidcombe Oval. He lay face down and then doubled up as play was allowed to continue until Wests were caught off-side. Parish eventually got to his feet, but moved to the wing. In the second half, he reverted to full-back, but as soon as he got out on the field he began asking details about the trots. "What won that?" he asked five-eighth Denis Pittard. Parish frequently asked team-mates about the outcome of races as he played the second half practically in a blackout. He had been to the trots on Friday night and had broken square at the meeting. The heavy knock wiped out all thoughts of football and filled his mind with the trotting meeting. Still it did not stop Parish from dropping a 45-yard field goal and scoring all of Wests points. The incident which involved Parish being ko'd led to a shoddy display by Wests. Too many players tried to "get square" for Parish and forgot the principles of football.…………… **(The Sun 17th July 1967)**

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Notes: Don Parish put in a remarkable effort in this game. He was knocked out early and never regained his senses, thinking he was still at Friday night's Harold Park trots. Even so, he played well after being moved to the wing, with Barsley moving to full-back. He kicked four goals and a 45-yard field goal to prove the difference in a dour defensive battle. Bill Hansen, promoted from Reserves, won the scrums 21-7, including a 12-1 run in the second half.