



1984 Round 18 Sunday 1st July Belmore Oval



Parramatta 46

def.

Western Suburbs 12

Steve ELLA
Neil HUNT
Ron QUINN
Mick CRONIN
Eric GROTHE
Brett KENNY
Peter STERLING (c)
Mark LAURIE
Michael MOSELEY
Peter WYNN
Paul MARES
Ken STEWART
Chris PHELAN
Glenn MANSFIELD
Mick PATTISON
Graham SETTREE
Vince CARR

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

George GHOSN
Steve BROUGHTON (c)
George KATSOGIANNIS
John McARTHUR
Mick PINKERTON
Trevor COGGER
Brett CLARK
Mark HARRIGAN
George FAHD
Allen GEELAN
Garry WEBSTER
Scott RIGNEY
Bruce CLARK
Michael DUKE
Peter LAMB
John COVENEY
Geoff SPOTSWOOD



Tries Eric GROTHE (4)
Peter WYNN
Chris PHELAN
Mick PATTISON
Steve ELLA

Trevor COGGER (2)

Goals Mick CRONIN (5)
Steve ELLA (2)

George GHOSN (2)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: S Ella; three-quarters: N Hunt, M Cronin, R Quinn, E Grothe; five-eighth: B Kenny; half: P Sterling (c); forwards: M Laurie, M Moseley, P Wynn, P Mares, K Stewart, C Phelan

Western Suburbs: Full-back: G Ghosn; three-quarters: S Broughton (c), G Katsogiannis, J McArthur, M Pinkerton; five-eighth: T Cogger; half: B Clark; forwards: M Harrigan, G Fahd, A Geelan, B Clark, S Rigney, G Webster **Referee: C Ward (The Daily Mirror 2nd July 1984)**

Parramatta's champion winger, Eric Grothe, was entitled to feel a little downcast after scoring four tries in the 46-12 drubbing Wests were given at Belmore Sports Ground yesterday. For the second time in his career, Grothe equalled the club record for tries scored in a first-grade game. But if it had not been for an instruction given by stand-in captain Peter Sterling, Grothe could well have held outright the record he shares with Mitchell Wallace, Dick Thornett, Owen Stephens and Ray Price. Prop Chris Phelan positioned himself on Grothe's right wing to take the pass from replacement forward Vince Carr and score the last of Parramatta's eight tries. Grothe later explained why he was not in position when the chance to score a vital try came. "Sterlo had called me in for an earlier move - I was still in the middle," he lamented. Apart from Grothe's superb finishing of backline raids, Parramatta again looked premiership material against only token opposition but without the services of the experienced Ray Price, Steve Edge and Paul Taylor. Parramatta coach John Monie thinks there is room for plenty of improvement on yesterday's display. "As soon as the rep games are over and our guys are back, our game will improve 100 per cent," Monie said. "We can control the ball better. We're pushing our passes a bit. I wasn't happy about letting Wests run in for 12 points." Most pleasing for Parramatta was the return to form of young prop Paul Mares and the surprise ball-distributing skills shown by Phelan. Mares positioned himself wide of the rucks to prove a menace to Wests whenever he handled. Phelan, normally a head-down and straight-ahead type of forward, moved the ball well and wide to keep many moves alive. Monie spoke glowingly about the recent improvement in Mares' play. "I'd say he has improved 50 per cent over the past four weeks," Monie said. "At one stage he was the only forward of last year we had left. Now, with others back, it has taken a lot off his shoulders." The strained groin muscle injury goal-kicking centre Mick Cronin has carried since resuming after knee surgery is causing concern to Parramatta. "I wanted to get Mick off as early as I could," said Monie, who replaced Cronin 18 minutes into the second half when Parramatta led 26-6. "But I'm very happy with the way Sterling is kicking for the line," added Monie, referring to his switch with one of Cronin's normal duties. **(Daily Mirror 2nd July 1984)**

Notes: Parramatta were simply too strong, too fast for a Wests team that never stopped trying. They had no answer for a rampaging Eric Grothe who scored four tries, which should have been a club record five. Mark Harrigan (30 tackles) toiled all day, while George Ghosn and debutante, George Katsogiannis, both impressed with solid efforts.