



# 1966 Round 18 Sunday 14th August Sports Ground



## Western Suburbs 33

def.

## Eastern Suburbs 2

Ken BRAY  
 John MOWBRAY  
 Gil MacDOUGALL  
 Rob McGUINESS  
 John ELFORD  
 Denis PITTARD  
 Pat THOMAS  
 Barry BRYANT  
 John HAYES  
 Bill HANSEN  
 Denis MEANEY  
 Noel THORNTON  
 Noel KELLY (c)

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

Cliff BOYD  
 Terry GALLAGHER  
 Gwyl BARNES  
 Ron SADDLER  
 Ian STEWART  
 John PEARD  
 Kevin JUNEE  
 John GERAGHTY  
 Kevin ASHLEY  
 Graham MAYHEW  
 Ron PHEENEY  
 Ken ASHCROFT (c)  
 Tom HIGHAM

**Tries** John MOWBRAY (2)  
 Denis PITTARD  
 John HAYES  
 John ELFORD  
 Barry BRYANT  
 Ken BRAY

**Goals** Ken BRAY (5) Ron SADDLER (1)  
 Pat THOMAS (1)

### Match Description

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: C Boyd; three-quarters: T Gallagher, G Barnes, R Saddler, I Stewart; five-eighth: J Peard; half: K Junee; forwards: J Geraghty, G Mayhew, K Ashley, T Higham, K Ashcroft (c), R Pheeneay

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: J Mowbray, P Dimond, G MacDougall, J Elford; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: P Thomas; forwards: B Bryant, J Hayes, W Hansen, D Meaney, N Thornton, N Kelly (c) **Referee: K Holman (as per program Rugby League News 13th/14th August 1966 + newspaper validation)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team gave an entertaining display in beating Eastern Suburbs 33-2 at the Sports Ground yesterday. Wests scored seven fine tries and ended with a great finishing burst, in which 15 points were added in 20 minutes. Wests led 13-2 at half-time. Full-back Ken Bray kicked five goals and scored a particularly good try. He was very prominent throughout, with long penetrating runs, and played a big hand in most of the scoring movements. Wests' superiority was most clear-cut in the forwards, where Noel Kelly directed play with long, accurate passes. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 15th August 1966)**

.. Wests thrashed Easts 33-2 in a one-sided match at Sydney Sports Ground. Easts failed to win a match in the pre-season competition or the premiership. Wests, with a win yesterday a "must" in their bid for a place in the semi-finals, went about their job in workmanlike fashion. They set up a half-time lead of 13-2, then raced away with the match. The victory took Wests to 18 points in the competition and kept them up in the firing-line for the semi-finals. Wests yesterday scored seven tries in an impressive display. With skipper Noel Kelly directing operations, West's big forwards, Denis Meaney, Barry Bryant and John Hayes, had a field day, running off Kelly from the rucks. **(Daily Telegraph 15th August 1966)**

### Telegraph-TCN 9 Rugby League player-of-the-year contest - Wests v Easts

**Three Points – Noel Kelly (Wests prop)** – He was in his element, leading his forwards through some flimsy defence. He continually put his side on the attack with clever passes

**Two Points – Barry Bryant (Wests lock)** – He was a constant menace to the defence with his powerful running. Standing wide from the rucks he played havoc with the East's backs

**One Point – Ken Bray – (Wests fullback)** – He made frequent sorties into the backline. He scored a brilliant try. **(Daily Telegraph 15th August 1966)**

**Notes:** Easts had not won a game in the season and were easy meat for Wests in this comprehensive win. Noel Kelly led a pack of rampaging forwards, including a rampant Barry Bryant; Ken Bray played his best game of the year and John Mowbray continued on his try-scoring ways. Wests were now only one win away from being semi-final contenders, needing to beat Balmain in the postponed Round 15 match to be a chance. Wests even had a party booked for the end of the season but held it anyway with most players abstaining!