



1961 Round 18 Saturday 19th August Cumberland Oval



Western Suburbs 28

def.

Parramatta 8

Harry WELLS (c)
 Dave BARSLEY
 Bill BROWN
 Fred NORDEN
 Peter DIMOND
 Keith HOLMAN
 Arthur SUMMONS
 Kevin SMYTH
 Bill CARSON
 John HAYES
 Denis MEANEY
 Noel KELLY
 Nev CHARLTON

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

Brian COX
 Kevin HOLE
 Ron BODEN (c)
 Charlie COOKSLEY
 Ken FOORD
 Russ BUTLER
 Robin GAIR
 Ron LYNCH
 Bill McCALL
 Brian HAMBLY
 Roy FISHER
 Ron WORKMAN
 Noel CORNWALL

Tries

Fred NORDEN (2)
 Bill BROWN
 Peter DIMOND
 Kevin SMYTH
 Arthur SUMMONS

Brian COX
 Brian HAMBLY

Goals

Dave BARSLEY (4)
 Keith HOLMAN (1)

Robin GAIR (1)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: B Cox; three-quarters: K Hole, R Boden (c), K Griffiths, C Cooksley; five-eighth: R Butler; half: R Gair; forwards: R Lynch, B Hambly, W McCall, R Fisher, R Workman, N Cornwall

Western Suburbs: Full-back: H Wells (c); three-quarters: D Barsley, W Brown, F Norden, P Dimond; five-eighth; K Holman; half: A Summons; forwards: K Smyth, J Hayes, W Carson, D Meaney, N Kelly, N Charlton **Referee: C Pearce (as per programmed teams - The Sun 19th August 1961)**

Western Suburbs yesterday retained its place with St George at the top of the Rugby League competition with a 28-8 win against Parramatta. Parramatta surprised when it led 8-5 at half-time in the game at Cumberland Oval. Although Wests scored six tries to two, it did not take charge until midway through the second half. Wests ran away from Parramatta when half-back Robin Gair left the field with a dislocated collarbone. Parramatta, leading 8-7 was holding Wests. Gair went through an opening and appeared to be clear when he was brought to the ground heavily by winger Peter Dimond and five-eighth Keith Holman. Soon after Gair's injury five-eighth Russ Butler was sent off for punching, leaving Parramatta with only 11 men. Centre Charlie Cooksley moved to Gair's place and lock Ron Lynch went to five-eighth. But Wests was on its way to victory. Second-row forward John Hayes scored in the corner after a bustling run. Centre Fred Norden then scored two tries within three minutes. He finished a passing movement with a try near the corner and then ran 25 yards to score between the posts for his second try. Wests' winger Dimond then went over near the corner. ... Wests' half Arthur Summons completed the scoring with a try near the posts. Wests had a very hard game until Gair was injured. It could easily have been beaten. For 20 minutes in the first half Wests maintained a consistent attack but only centre Bill Brown could penetrate for a try. Parramatta hit back and scored two tries within five minutes to lead 8-5 at half-time. (Sunday Telegraph 20th August 1961)

Wests were a trifle lucky to beat Parramatta by 28-8 at Parramatta, the scores giving no clear indication of the merits of the teams on the day. The 7044 spectators were bored at times with the standard of the play. Parramatta led for three parts of the game by eight points to five, then they lost Robin Gair who appeared to break a wrist and left the field after a heavy tackle. Wests hit the front for the first time at this point and though Gair came back on the field for a few minutes he left the field again. Russ Butler was ordered off for punching and the losers finished with 11 men. Highlight however was the brilliant individual play and versatility of Fred Norden. Arthur Summons and Dave Barsley were the pick of the other backs. John Hayes, Neville Charlton and Kevin Smyth shone in patches in the winners' vanguard. ... (Sunday Mirror 20th August 1961)

Notes: Fred Norden stamped himself as well above average in this game. As had been the pattern throughout the season, Wests finished very strongly after an average first half. Peter Dimond was typically damaging in both attack and defence, scoring a good try late in the second half. Dave Barsley, given the goal-kicking duties, kicked four good goals.