



1967 Round 18 Sunday 23rd July Belmore Oval



Canterbury 12

def.

Western Suburbs 2

Terry BAWDEN
 Dick WEBB
 Clive GARTNER
 Johnny GREAVES
 Max BROWN
 Leo TOOHEY
 Bob DOYLE
 Ron RAPER
 Kevin GOLDSPIK
 George TAYLFORTH (c)
 Bruce MCKINNEY
 Col BROWN
 Merv HICKS

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

Don PARISH
 Dick PICKETT
 Roy FERGUSON
 Peter DIMOND
 Dave BARSLEY
 Rob McGUINNESS
 Ross GOODMAN
 Barry BRYANT
 John ARMSTRONG
 Jim CODY
 Doug WALKADEN
 Ken STONESTREET
 Noel KELLY (c)



Tries

Goals

George TAYLFORTH (3)
 Ron RAPER (2) Field Goals
 Terry BAWDEN (1) Field Goal

Rob McGUINNESS (1) Field Goal

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: T Bawden; three-quarters: R Webb, C Gartner, J Greaves, M Brown; five-eighth: L Toohey; half: R Doyle; forwards: R Raper, G Taylforth (c), K Goldspink, M Hicks, C Brown, B McKinney

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: R Pickett, P Dimond, R Ferguson, D Barsley; five-eighth: R McGuinness; half: R Goodman; forwards: B Bryant, J Cody, J Armstrong, D Walkaden, K Stonestreet, N Kelly (c) **Referee: K Page (as per program Rugby League News 22nd/23rd July 1967 + newspaper validation)**

A determined Canterbury team yesterday took a giant step towards the Rugby league semi-finals with a 12-2 win over Western Suburbs at Belmore Oval. Canterbury's win took them to equal third place with Balmain on 24 points, and left Wests out in the cold on 19 points. "We had to win every game to make the final four – I suppose it was too much to expect." Wests' disappointed secretary Mr Bill Beaver said after the match. A Belmore Oval record crowd of 16417 packed the ground to cheer Canterbury on. It was a tryless struggle, far from attractive, and played in grand-final style. Canterbury captain George Taylforth landed three goals, busy lock Ron Raper dropped two fine field goals, and full-back Terry Bawden also dropped a field goal. Canterbury had the advantage of a stiff breeze in the first half and led 5-2 at the break. Wests then still looked right in the match. They went great guns early in the second half, but Canterbury stood fast and weathered the storm. Slowly, but surely, Canterbury regained the initiative. With 15 minutes of the half gone, Ron Raper snapped his second field goal. Two minutes later full-back Terry Bawden potted his drop-shot. Canterbury were 10-2 in the clear, and for Wests it was pretty much the end of the road. Wests had chances, but Canterbury never allowed them to make anything of them. Canterbury tackled like demons. So did Wests – it was hard football. Canterbury enjoyed a territorial advantage for the greater part of the match. They tried things in attack. Wests play was mostly stereotyped. ...**(Daily Telegraph 24th July 1967)**

Test centre Johnny Greaves badly injured his right knee against Wests at Belmore Oval yesterday and will be out of action for a fortnight. Greaves was in pain throughout the night with the knee and has to see the Canterbury club doctor again on Thursday. He has to stay home and give the knee complete rest in the meantime. X-rays will be taken towards the end of the week to determine whether the ligaments or the cartilage have been damaged. ... Injured in the first half, Greaves had a torrid time in the centre yesterday against Peter Dimond who still could crash his way into the Kangaroo tour. If the selectors use Dimond in the final trial he would cause a scatter among his opponents. He played vigorously yesterday and ran hard, but the service inside was too slow for him to do any real damage against a side which tackled grimly. A tryless game on a firm ground is a rarity, but both Wests and Canterbury tackled so well yesterday that both lines remained intact for the full 80 minutes. ... Raper had a great game all round and is finding he is able to play cool football. Young full-back Terry Bawden gave a dashing display and even if Les Johns' leg never recovers, Canterbury has good full-backs in Bawden and Clive Gartner. John Armstrong did a lot of heavy work in defence for Wests and Noel Kelly kept his forwards well organised. Kelly had a few brushes with referee Keith Page, but saw the match out. **(The Sun 24th July 1967)**

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Notes: Wests had a few chances in a dour defensive match but Wests' chances had been severely diminished on the Friday when John Elford pulled out, replaced by Dick Pickett, but more significantly Denis Pittard had been involved in a serious car accident on the Friday where he required 21 stitches in a facial wound. He was replaced by Rob McGuinness but Pittard was a huge loss. In the end, the match deteriorated into a field goal competition which Canterbury won.