



# 1967 Round 19 Saturday 29th July Cricket Ground



## Eastern Suburbs 8

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## Western Suburbs 7

Alan MCKEAN  
 Graeme STEVENS  
 Peter DICKENSON  
 Ron SADDLER  
 Bruce STEWART  
 Jim MATTHEWS (c)  
 Ken McMULLEN  
 Barry REILLY  
 Kevin ASHLEY  
 Louis NEUMANN  
 Geoff CHAMBERS  
 Ken OWENS  
 Sid WALSH

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

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



### Tries

John ARMSTRONG

### Goals

Alan MCKEAN (2)  
 Ken McMULLEN (1) Field Goal  
 Jim MATTHEWS (1) Field Goal

Don PARISH (2) One Field Goal

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: R McGuinness, 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)

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: A McKean; three-quarters: G Stevens, P Dickenson, R Saddler, B Stewart; five-eighth: J Matthews (c); half: K McMullen; forwards: B Reilly, K Ashley, L Neumann, G Chambers, K Owens, S Walsh **Referee: L Bruyeres (The Sun 29th July 1967)**

Eastern Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday kept their semi-final hopes alive with another of their "heart-stoppers" at Sydney Cricket Ground. Easts defeated Western Suburbs 8-7. The Tricolors literally got home by inches. Twice in the second half Wests' full-back Don Parish had "near miss" shots at goal – one a drop shot, the other a penalty. The field goal attempt bounced back off the crossbar. The penalty shot, with seven minutes of play left, seemed certain to sail over. But it cannoned back off the upright. Easts led 8-7 at this stage. It was a kick that would have won Wests the match. The closeness of the score was probably the only thing that kept most of the crowd of 17,849 at the ground. It was a terrible match really. There wouldn't have been more than a minute or two of good football in the entire encounter. Easts play to a percentage pattern under this four tackle rule. They tackle their hearts out when they haven't got the ball. Their attack is limited, so when they do get the ball they invariably kick it out of sight or try for a field goal. There were no less than 12 attempts for field goals in yesterday's match – Easts tried for eight, Wests tried for four. Wests scored the only try of the match. Easts points came from field goals by halves Ken McMullen and Jimmy Matthews and two penalty goals by full-back Alan McKean. If the majority of the crowd thought the game was a "dud", Easts' loyal supporters on the Paddington Hill couldn't have cared less. Their team of little terriers have them walking on air, no matter how they win their games. Easts led 6-2 at half-time, and with a bit of luck could have been a "mile" in front. Half-back McMullen dropped a pass five yards out from Wests' line with the line clear. Lively winger "Larpa" Stewart was pushed into touch twice when almost over. Wests were terrible in the first half. They livened up in the second, though, when second-rower John Armstrong went over for their try. Full-back Don Parish put the ball in the air from 35 yards out. It came in over Easts' posts and the bounce beat Easts custodian Alan McKean. Armstrong, following through, dived on the ball for the try. The conversion by Parish which made the score 7-6, put Wests in front for the first time in the match with 22 minutes left for play. Easts regained the lead with what were to prove the winning points six minutes later. Second-rower Kevin Ashley tried with the last of his four field attempts for the day. Wests' five-eighth Denis Pittard dived at Ashley, and knocked him down after the ball was in the air. The kick was off the mark but the touch judge wasn't. He ran on to the field and Pittard was out for a caution. His tackle of Ashley, though a split second late, did not seem purposely so. Pittard said after the match: "Referee Bruyeres told me that he had no option but to caution me and give Easts a penalty. He said the touch judge had reported me, and as referee he had no real choice." ... McKean landed the penalty – an easy one – to give Easts their one point break, and they clung to it for the rest of the match. ... (Sunday Telegraph 30th July 1967)

**Notes:** Wests were very unlucky to lose this match. Two shots at goal by Don Parish hit the crossbar and the winning penalty goal by Alan McKean was after a dubious penalty was awarded against Denis Pittard for a late tackle. There was also a dispute over Jim Matthews' field goal which Wests' players were adamant had been punted. This loss finally put paid to any slim hopes Wests had of making the semi-finals.