1966 Round 2 Saturday 9th April Pratten Park

Western Suburbs 19   def.   Manly-Warringah 12

Western Suburbs	Position	Manly-Warringah
Dave BARSLEY	*Fullback*	Bob BATTY
Dick PICKETT	*Wing*	Nick YAKICH
Roy FERGUSON	*Centre*	John McDONELL
Gil MacDOUGALL	*Centre*	Peter GALLAGHER
John ELFORD	*Wing*	Fred YAKICH
Denis PITTARD	*Five-eighth*	Bob FULTON
Pat THOMAS	*Half*	Frank STANTON (c)
Doug PAGE	*Lock*	Bill BRADSTREET
John HAYES	*Second Row*	John MORGAN
Jim CODY	*Second Row*	Mick SIMMONS
Denis MEANEY	*Front Row*	Mick VEIVERS
Noel THORNTON	*Hooker*	Fred JONES
Noel KELLY (c)	*Front Row*	Bill HAMILTON
	Replacement	Gary TOOLE

Tries	Dick PICKETT (2)	Nick YAKICH
	Dave BARSLEY	Fred YAKICH
Goals	Dave BARSLEY (3)	Bob BATTY (3)
	Pat THOMAS (2)	

Match Description
Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Barsley; three-quarters: R Pickett, R Ferguson, G MacDougall, J Elford; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: P Thomas; forwards: D Page, J Hayes, J Cody, D Meaney, N Thornton, N Kelly (c)
Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Batty; three-quarters: N Yakich, J McDonell, P Gallagher, F Yakich; five-eighth: R Fulton; half: F Stanton (c); forwards: W Bradstreet, J Morgan, M Simmons, M Veivers, F Jones, W Hamilton   **Referee: L Samuelson   (The Sun 9th April 1966)**

Western Suburbs had a field day against Manly at Pratten Park yesterday winning all three grades, and causing an upset by taking the main fixture 19 points to 12. The main game was a thriller, with Western Suburbs displaying class form which, if maintained, could carry them into semi-final calculations. Superbly led by skipper Noel Kelly, Wests dominated play in the forwards, and despite a narrow nine to eight win in the scrums, they held possession for most of the game. Play opened quietly, Bob Batty opening the scoring with a neat penalty goal to which Dave Barsley replied shortly after. Although Manly hit the front with another goal by Batty, Wests were calling the tune, with Kelly leading sortie after sortie down midfield. First Gil MacDougall, in fine form after his season in England, probed deeply, and, finally, Wests' consistent attack saw Dick Pickett cross. Manly seldom looked really dangerous in the first half, but led at the interval, 9-7, when Nick Yakich crossed in the corner right on half-time. Immediately on resumption, Dave Barsley scored the gem try of the match. Wests won a scrum near half-way, and Barsley coming through on the burst, took the pass and raced to Manly's line where, although tackled by Batty and Fred Yakich he scored. From then Wests were never headed. Pat Thomas kicked two neat goals from close in, and Dick Pickett added to their tally by crossing for his second try. .. Noel Kelly had an inspired game. In the first half he raced through Manly like a three-quarter, setting up Thomas, Pittard and centres Ferguson and MacDougall repeatedly. Jim Cody also played soundly, giving good service from the rucks and his defence with lock Doug Page was too tough for the Manly halves, Frank Stanton and Bob Fulton (replaced in the second half by Gary Toole). Dave Barsley gave another sound display at full-back for the winners. Apart from his try, his general play was good and he was always looking for the opening to join in. Wests' halves, Pat Thomas and Denis Pittard, completely overshadowed their Manly counterparts. … **(Sunday Mirror 10th April 1966)**

Rugby League Test front-rower Noel Kelly was the inspiring force in Western Suburbs' 19-12 win over Manly at Pratten Park yesterday. Wests staged a great fightback after having been down 7-9 at half-time. Kelly, Wests' captain-coach, dominated the trend of play from the forwards. Kelly blotted an excellent display by being cautioned for illegal play early in the game. Wests scored three tries to two and all-round were superior to Manly. Wests full-back Dave Barsley, who had a brilliant game, scored the best try of the match. He ran 40 yards and bustled his way over the line near the posts. Barsley had moved up to make the "extra" man, as he did on so many occasions. When he received the ball he beat two defenders. He had two more defenders hanging on to him when he crossed the line. Winger Dick Pickett scored two tries for Wests. On each occasion he completed a move originating from the base of a scrum. The game developed into a battle of the forwards. ..
(Sunday Telegraph 10th April 1966)

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Notes: Gil MacDougall was back from an off-season stint with Warrington, where he had played well, and he continued the strong form in this game. John Elford also made his debut for Dimond who was down with the flu, while Roy Ferguson came into the centres for the injured Rob McGuiness. Noel Kelly was at his inspirational best in the forwards, while Dave Barsley at full-back was an absolute standout. The halves, Pittard and Thomas, also dominated their opposites, including Bob Fulton.