1967 Round 21 Sunday 13th August Lidcombe Oval

Western Suburbs 16   def.   Balmain 14

Western Suburbs	Position	Balmain
Don PARISH	*Fullback*	Keith BARNES (c)
Rob McGUINESS	*Wing*	John GILLIGAN
Peter DIMOND (c)	*Centre*	Kevin YOW YEH
Roy FERGUSON	*Centre*	George RUEBNER
Dave BARSLEY	*Wing*	Len KILLEEN
Denis PITTARD	*Five-eighth*	Peter JONES
Bruce BEER	*Half*	Sid WILLIAMS
Barry BRYANT	*Lock*	Peter PROVAN
John ARMSTRONG	*Second Row*	John SPENCER
John HAYES	*Second Row*	Dennis TUTTY
Doug WALKADEN	*Front Row*	Gary LEO
Ken STONESTREET	*Hooker*	Norm HENDERSON
Bob SMITH	*Front Row*	Arthur BEETSON
Bill HANSEN	*Replacement*	Dave BOLTON

Tries

Len KILLEEN
John SPENCER

Goals   Don PARISH (8) Two field goals   Len KILLEEN (3)
Dave BOLTON (1) One field goal

Match Description
Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: R McGuiness, P Dimond, R Ferguson, D Barsley; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: B Beer; forwards: J Cody, J Hayes, J Armstrong, D Walkaden, K Stonestreet, N Kelly (c)
Balmain: Full-back: K Barnes (c); three-quarters: J Gilligan, K Yow Yeh, G Ruebner, L Killeen; five-eighth: P Jones; half: S Williams; forwards: P Provan, D Tutty, J Spencer, A Beetson, N Henderson, G Leo   **Referee: C Langton   (as per program Rugby League News 12th/13th August 1967 + newspaper validation)**

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Notes: Wests scored an upset win due to the continuing outstanding goal-kicking form of Don Parish. Both his field goals were outstanding efforts. Pittard had a welcome return to form, finally shaking off the effects of his serious car accident and Bruce Beer, relishing his stint in first grade, along with John Armstrong, were both strong performers. Bob Smith made his debut, coming in for the injured Noel Kelly.