



# 1966 Round 3 Saturday 16th April Cricket Ground



## South Sydney 17

def.

## Western Suburbs 11

Kevin LONGBOTTOM  
 Brian JAMES  
 Arthur BRANIGHAN  
 Jim LISLE (c)  
 Mike CLEARY  
 Mick FALLA  
 Ivan JONES  
 Ron COOTE  
 John SATTLER  
 Bob McCARTHY  
 John O'NEILL  
 Fred ANDERSON  
 Richie POWELL  
 Alan HEILER

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

Dave BARSLEY  
 Dick PICKETT  
 Gil MacDOUGALL  
 Rob McGUINNESS (c)  
 Peter DIMOND  
 Denis PITTARD  
 Pat THOMAS  
 Jim CODY  
 Bill HANSEN  
 John HAYES  
 Alan ALLISON  
 Noel THORNTON  
 Brian KOWALD



**Tries** Ivan JONES (2)  
 Michael CLEARY

Dick PICKETT

**Goals** Kevin LONGBOTTOM (4)

Peter DIMOND (3)  
 Dave BARSLEY (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Barsley; three-quarters: R Pickett, R McGuinness (c), G MacDougall, P Dimond; five-eighth: D Pittard; half; P Thomas; forwards: J Cody, J Hayes, W Hansen, B Kowald, N Thornton, A Allison

**South Sydney:** Full-back: K Longbottom; three-quarters: B James, A Branighan, J Lisle(c), M Cleary; five-eighth: M Falla; half: I Jones; forwards: R Coote, R McCarthy, J Sattler, J O'Neill, F Anderson, R Powell **Referee: L Samuelson (The Sun 16th April 1966)**

A never-say-die Western Suburbs team lost the competition lead yesterday. But it didn't lose a single friend among the crowd of 23,733 at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Starting behind the eight-ball, with both props, Noel Kelly and Denis Meaney, looking on from the stands, Wests gave Souths a torrid struggle. The Magpies, returning to the SCG for the first time since the opening round of last year's premiership, certainly were not overawed by their more glamorous rivals. In fact, Wests clung grimly to a one-point lead in the second half, until a Mike Cleary try sparked off a winning Souths' rally. You can take it from me that Wests will be back at Rugby League Headquarters much sooner this time. I venture to say that, with captain-coach Noel Kelly's vigour and inspiration, Wests might well have won the game. ... Although I feel the loss of Kelly for this game was a bitter blow to Wests, I certainly can't say enough in favour of the team's two replacements – Alan Allison and Brian Kowald. Both worked like Trojans and thoroughly justified their inclusion as forward emergencies. Wests were actually without three key forwards, as lock Doug Page withdrew earlier in the week, following a severe leg injury. .... Kangaroo winger Peter Dimond came to light as a goal-kicker when play resumed and two quick penalties had Wests a point in front. But Souths hit back and Cleary's try and two penalties by full-back Kevin Longbottom, clinched the issue. Souths were handicapped in the second half by the loss of centre and skipper Jim Lisle, who aggravated a groin strain in the first tackle of the game. Lisle's replacement, reserve grade winger, Alan Heiler, played strongly, but I was surprised that Souths did not switch Brian James to the centre. James has had a lot more experience in that position. Powell, who was in doubt for yesterday's game with strained neck muscles, turned in a great 80-minute performance. It was one of the finest games I have seen him play. The other Souths forwards played well in spasms – particularly Ron Coote, who worried the life out of Wests' defence early in the game. Coote was unlucky not to score 11 minutes from half-time when he followed through a break by John Sattler and raced clear. However, referee Les Samuelson recalled Coote and penalised him for taking Sattler's pass from an off-side position. It certainly wasn't the roughest game I've seen this year but I can't remember a bigger queue for cautions. Twice, both touch judges were in to make reports at the same time, and referee Samuelson probably spent more minutes in laying down the law than he did blowing the whistle. For Wests, Kowald was cautioned twice and Dimond, Thornton, Allison and Gil MacDougall once each. The cautions in Souths' team went to John O'Neill (two), Powell, Cleary and Sattler. A big factor in Souths' victory was the success in the scrum of veteran hooker Fred Anderson. He offset the 14-6 penalty count against Souths by winning the scrums 10-6 (5-2 in the second half). But Thornton had a magnificent game in the loose and his scrum effort against Anderson was pretty commendable, considering that he was playing with two new props. Lock Jim Cody, who led Wests' forwards in Kelly's absence, also gave a tireless exhibition and worried Souths' defence with some strong dashes. **(Sunday Mirror 17th April 1966)**

**Notes:** Wests had a dramatically reshuffled team with three key forwards, Noel Kelly, Denis Meaney and Doug Page, all out injured. The replacements, Brian Kowald, Bill Hansen and newcomer, Alan Allison (from Brothers, Brisbane) all played very well. With three surprising goals by Peter Dimond and a good try in the corner by Dick Pickett, Wests led by one point until late in the game when their inexperience showed. There were multiple cautions in the game and Peter Dimond and Mike Cleary had a running battle all afternoon. Noel Thornton played his best game so far for Wests, ably supported by Jim Cody.