Parramatta 14   def.   Western Suburbs 11

Parramatta	Position	Western Suburbs
Ken THORNETT (c)	*Fullback*	Tony FORD
Arch BROWN	*Wing*	John MOWBRAY
Fred PICKUP	*Centre*	Roy FERGUSON
Barry RUSHWORTH	*Centre*	Rob McGUINESS (c)
Frank GLOVER	*Wing*	Dave BARSLEY
Ivor LINGARD	*Five-eighth*	Denis PITTARD
Brian WINNEY	*Half*	Pat THOMAS
Ron LYNCH	*Lock*	Jim CODY
Ted HEINRICH	*Second Row*	John HAYES
Dick THORNETT	*Second Row*	John ARMSTRONG
Bob O'REILLY	*Front Row*	Doug WALKADEN
John McMARTIN	*Hooker*	Ken STONESTREET
Brian HAMBLY	*Front Row*	Noel DOLTON

Tries	Arch BROWN	Denis PITTARD
	Frank GLOVER	
Goals	Frank GLOVER (4) One field goal	John ARMSTRONG (4)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: K Thornett; three-quarters: A Brown, F Pickup, B Rushworth, F Glover; five-eighth: I Lingard; half: B Winney; forwards: R Lynch, R Thornett, E Heinrich, B Hambly (c), J McMartin, R O'Reilly

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: J Mowbray, R McGuiness, R Ferguson, D Barsley; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: P Thomas; forwards: J Cody, J Hayes, J Armstrong, D Walkaden, K Stonestreet, N Dolton   **Referee: A Neville   (as per program Rugby League News 15th/16th April 1967)**

…. Wests' supporters hotly disputed the referee's "no-try" decisions. On the first occasion, lock Jim Cody made a long run before passing to Bob McGuinness, who was grounded just short of the line, but managed to get the ball over the line. Referee Neville ruled there had been a double movement and his decision seemed correct. The second incident occurred just two minutes before the end when Wests won a scrum near the line and Cody got back to take the ball. He ran into a goal-post but team-mates pushed him over the line. The referee ruled "no-try" – and pandemonium resulted. The referee ruled that Cody was "held", his body having struck the goalposts when he was tackled. Wests' players gathered around the referee, arguing that it was a fair try, and a large section of the crowd vociferously objected to the ruling. Finally, the referee spoke to Wests' captain, McGuinness, and the players settled down. But the crowd seethed with excitement. .. Then, just on full-time, with Wests pressing, the ball flew out toward the wing, where the player in possession was forced into touch, again just short of the line. The hooter sounded and hundreds of children raced onto the field. Nothing was done to check them. … Wests had 14 attempts at goal, all within kicking distance, but landed only four, all by second-rower John Armstrong. **(Sydney Morning Herald 17th April 1967)**

Parramatta yesterday scored one of the luckiest Rugby League wins in recent years in a dramatic match against Western Suburbs at Cumberland Oval. Parramatta, more by luck than good management, survived a second-half onslaught by Wests and won 14-11. Wests' dressing room was in uproar after the game. Officials and players claimed referee Arthur Neville had "robbed" them of two, possibly three, tries. Neville ruled the first disallowed try when centre Rob McGuinness dived over the line early in the match. Then in a nerve-racking last five minutes, Neville disallowed tries when: *Lock Jim Cody forced his way over after being held up against a goal-post *Centre Roy Ferguson dived over inches from the corner after the final siren. After the match referee Neville explained his reasons for his three decisions which puzzled many spectators. He said: "The McGuinness incident in the first half was a double movement and I ruled that way. When Cody was held up against the goal-post, he was forced over the line by his team-mates. But the ball became 'dead' as soon as he touched the upright with his body." Wests' camp disputed that the ball was "dead" and claimed Cody had scored a fair try. The rush of spectators on to the field prevented many people from seeing what happened when Ferguson dived over after the siren. But linesman Frank Walsh explained after the game that Ferguson put his foot into touch about a yard from the line. Wests could have no argument with referee Neville on that score but strongly disputed his first two decisions. All Wests players claimed that McGuinness had scored a fair try when he dived over in a tackle in the 12th minute of play. McGuinness was tackled from behind, and the impetus appeared to carry him well over the line. Wests did everything but win the match. ..With hooker Ken Stonestreet dominating the scrums, Wests maintained an assault on the Parramatta line for the last 20 minutes. Stonestreet won eight successive scrums in the second half. … **(Daily Telegraph 17th April 1967)**

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Notes: By all accounts, Wests were robbed in this match. Cody's no-try, in particular, was very controversial when he bounced off the goal-post and scored, with the referee ruling the ball was dead. Roy Ferguson was also ruled inches into touch right on full-time. No amount of Wests' protests, of course, changed the result.