



1967 Round 5 Tuesday 25th April Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 19

def.

Cronulla-Sutherland 7



Tony FORD
 John MOWBRAY
 Roy FERGUSON
 Rob McGUINESS (c)
 Dave BARSLEY
 Denis PITTARD
 Pat THOMAS
 Barry BRYANT
 John HAYES
 John ARMSTRONG
 Doug WALKADEN
 Ken STONESTREET
 Noel DOLTON
 Barry GLASGOW

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

Brian COX
 Denis HEWETT
 Ron DUTTON
 Greg MILLER
 Ray WESTWOOD
 Jack DANZEY
 Terry HUGHES
 Eric BARNES
 Gary MacDOUGALL
 Dave COOPER
 Monty PORTER (c)
 John HYNES
 Warwick RANDALL

Tries
 Barry BRYANT
 Roy FERGUSON
 John HAYES

Brian COX

Goals
 Tony FORD (4)
 Barry GLASGOW (1) Field Goal

Terry HUGHES (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: J Mowbray, R McGuiness (c), R Ferguson, D Barsley; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: P Thomas; forwards: B Bryant, J Hayes, J Armstrong, D Walkaden, K Stonestreet, N Dolton

Cronulla-Sutherland: Full-back: B Cox; three-quarters: D Hewett, R Dutton, G Miller, R Westwood; five-eighth: J Danzey; half: T Hughes; forwards: E Barnes, G MacDougall, D Cooper, M Porter (c), J Hynes, W Randall **Referee: P Ellis (as per program Rugby League News 25th April 1967)**

Second-rower John Armstrong yesterday spearheaded Western Suburbs to their first win of the Rugby League premiership. Wests defeated Cronulla-Sutherland 19-7 at Lidcombe Oval. Armstrong's powerful running was a menace to the Cronulla defence. He made the breaks which resulted in tries by forwards Barry Bryant and John Hayes. Wests dominated the first half and led 17-2 at half-time. At half-time, Wests lost full-back Tony Ford who had landed four goals. Ford strained a leg muscle and Dave Barsley moved from the wing to full-back. Replacement winger Barry Glasgow, who had landed two field goals in the preceding reserve grade match, landed another one for Wests. His field goal was Wests' only points in the second-half. Cronulla full-back Brian Cox, who made many excursions in to the attack, scored his team's only try. **(Daily Telegraph 26th April 1967)**

The final score of 19-7 was better than Western Suburbs deserved in its Rugby League match at Lidcombe Oval yesterday against Cronulla-Sutherland. Wests played with a stiff breeze in the first half and established a lead of 17-2. The Wests' forwards showed speed and constructiveness. But as commanding as its work was in the first half, it was trivial in the second. It was as though the side couldn't raise a second puff. Cronulla pinned Wests in its own half for practically the entire half and was unlucky not to score at least two more tries. Centre Ron Dutton, who was tackled literally an inch short of the try-line in the first half, dived on a ball over the line in the second half but failed to touch down before losing possession. Cronulla finished very strongly and generally gave a brave showing. A little more strength and speed forward should make a big difference to the side. **(Sydney Morning Herald 26th April 1967)**

Notes: Wests were victorious in the first ever match between Wests and Cronulla. Tony Ford injured his leg and was replaced at half-time by Barry Glasgow, who gave a glimpse of things to come, kicking a field goal after kicking two in the reserve grade game. Dave Barsley went back to full-back, a position where he had excelled in the past. John Armstrong was the best player on the field with a powerhouse running forward display. Wests ran with a very strong breeze in the first half and led 17-2 at half-time but couldn't reproduce the form in the second half and had to withstand a strong Cronulla comeback.