



1964 Round 7 Sunday 24th May Cumberland Oval



Parramatta 13

def.

Western Suburbs 8

Ron WILLEY
 Ken FOORD
 Bill RONEY
 Barry RUSHWORTH
 Mike JACKSON
 Ivor LINGARD
 Bob BUGDEN
 Ron LYNCH (c)
 Barry LEANEY
 Dick THORNETT
 Brian HAMBLY
 Bill RAYNER
 Noel DOLTON

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

Ken BRAY
 John MOWBRAY
 Gil MacDOUGALL
 Ron COSTELLO
 Peter DIMOND
 Rob McGUINNESS
 Don MALONE
 Doug PAGE
 Jim CODY
 John HAYES
 Denis MEANEY
 Ken OWENS
 Noel KELLY (c)
 Roy FERGUSON



Tries Ron LYNCH

Goals Ron WILLEY (5)

Ken BRAY (4)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: R Willey; three-quarters: K Foord, W Roney, B Rushworth, M Jackson; five-eighth: I Lingard; half: R Bugden; forwards: R Lynch (c), B Leaney, R Thornett, B Hambly, W Rayner, N Dolton

Western Suburbs: Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: J Mowbray, G MacDougall, P Dimond, D Parish; five-eighth: R McGuinness; half: D Malone; forwards: R Costello, J Hayes, J Cody, D Meaney, K Owens, N Kelly (c) **Referee: L Bruyeres (Sunday Mirror 24th May 1964)**

Former Rugby League international full-back Ron Willey yesterday made a surprise comeback and played a key role in a Parramatta victory. Willey landed five goals in Parramatta's 13-8 win over Western Suburbs at Cumberland Oval. Willey had announced his retirement during the pre-season trials. Yesterday he responded to an emergency call from Parramatta to deputise for injured full-back Ken Thornett. In addition to his goals, Willey tackled tigerishly while Wests poured on pressure in the last 20 minutes of the match. Wests played superb football in the closing stages and was unlucky to lose. In the last 11 minutes *Centre Roy Ferguson, an 18-year-old youngster who was called in to replace injured Ron Costello early in the match, hit a corner post in a dive for the line. *Winger John Mowbray and front-rower Noel Kelly got to within six inches of the line in do-or-die efforts. Fiery centre Gil McDougall was the spearhead of the determined but luckless Wests' attack. Several times he tore out of tackles and shot through gaps in inspiring sorties down the middle. Referee Laurie Bruyeres cautioned him twice for excessive vigour in tackles. Parramatta led 6-4 at half-time. Willey had kicked three goals for Parramatta and full-back Kevin Bray two for Wests. Parramatta went on to a 13-4 lead in the first 14 minutes of the second half and seemed to have victory secure. In this period lock Ron Lynch scored the only try of the match and Willey landed two more goals. From that stage Parramatta was almost constantly defending against the hard-hitting Wests' men. All Wests got was two more goals which Bray kicked. **(Daily Telegraph 25th May 1964)**

Parramatta beat Western Suburbs 13-8 in a rugged Rugby League match before a near-record crowd of 17,757 at Cumberland Oval yesterday. Parramatta selectors recalled Ron Willey, who retired earlier in the season, to replace injured full-back Ken Thornett. Willey responded enthusiastically, kicking his side to victory with five goals. Parramatta led 6-4 at the interval after a first half marred by frequent cautions for rough play. Parramatta captain Ron Lynch scored the only try of the match five minutes after the start of the second half. Lynch left the defence standing in a breakthrough from Wests' 25. Apart from his frequent attacking burst, Lynch was most devastating in defence, particularly late in the second half when Wests' forwards looked like taking control of the match. Wests' centre Roy Ferguson, who had replaced Ron Costello (concussion) early in the first half, knocked the corner post in going for a try. Wests' forwards shaded the Parramatta pack. Front-rower Noel Kelly and lock Doug Page were outstanding. Full-back Ken Bray scored Wests' points with four goals. He also made long, penetrating runs and his defence was excellent. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 25th May 1964)**

Notes: This was a greatly improved showing by Wests, who finished the match off strongly and were very unlucky to lose. Roy Ferguson, coming on to replace Ron Costello after playing a full Reserve grade game, almost scored late, after knocking out the corner post. Gil MacDougall was also devastating in the centres, making long runs and tackling vigorously. Rob McGuinness moved to five-eighth after the retirement of Arthur Summons, a position he would keep. Don Parish was picked in the team but was still unfit, causing a reshuffle, with Doug Page to lock and Ron Costello to the centre and Dimond on the wing. Wests had now lost five out of seven matches and were in deep trouble.