



1967 Round 7 Sunday 7th May Lidcombe Oval



Canterbury 24

def.

Western Suburbs 18

Les JOHNS
 Dick WEBB
 Max BROWN
 Clive BRYANT
 John LARCOMBE
 Leo TOOHEY
 Ross KIDD
 Ron RAPER
 Kevin GOLDSPIK
 George TAYLFORTH
 Kevin RYAN (c)
 Marty DRISCOLL
 Merv HICKS

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

Don PARISH
 John MOWBRAY
 Roy FERGUSON
 Rob McGUINNESS (c)
 Dave BARSLEY
 Barry GLASGOW
 Pat THOMAS
 Jim CODY
 John ARMSTRONG
 John HAYES
 Doug WALKADEN
 Ken STONESTREET
 Noel DOLTON
 Tony PACKHAM



Tries Ron RAPER (2)
 Marty DRISCOLL
 Merv HICKS

Roy FERGUSON
 Dave BARSLEY

Goals George TAYLFORTH (6)

Don PARISH (5)
 Barry GLASGOW (1) Field Goal

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: L Johns; three-quarters: R Webb, M Brown, C Bryant, J Larcombe; five-eighth: L Toohey; half: R Kidd; forwards: R Raper, G Taylforth, K Goldspink, K Ryan (c), M Driscoll, M Hicks

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: P Dimond, R McGuinness (c), R Ferguson, D Barsley; five-eighth: B Glasgow; half: P Thomas; forwards: J Cody, J Hayes, J Armstrong, D Walkaden, K Stonestreet, N Dolton **Referee: L Samuelson (as per program 7th May 1967 + newspaper validation)**

Canterbury's "mighty midget" hooker Marty Driscoll yesterday had his revenge on Wests, the club which gave him away for a "song." Driscoll, the try-scoring "flyweight" hooker, played a blinder against his old club, spearheading Canterbury to a sparkling 25-18 victory at the Lidcombe Oval dustbowl. The 11-stone Driscoll proved a real tiger in attack, scoring a match-winning try mid-way through the second half. Swinging from his heavyweight props Kevin Ryan and Merv Hicks, Driscoll overcame a five-man pack disadvantage for almost the entire second half to shade Wests' hooker, Ken Stonestreet, in the scrums. After the match Wests' officials rued the day they had let Driscoll go for nothing. "He certainly hammered home his point against us," Wests' Secretary Bill Beaver said. "The little bloke played about 5st above himself." This seems a conservative estimate of just how well the 5ft 7in hooker performed as Canterbury clung to the premiership lead with their thrilling win. Just two seasons back Wests put Driscoll on open transfer after the tiny hooker had played 19 lower grade matches with the club. Second division club Arncliffe snapped him up, and this season sold him to Canterbury for \$400. After two games in reserves with Canterbury, the lively Driscoll forced his way into first grade. In Driscoll's five matches in the firsts, Sydney's smallest forward has scored three tries. .. Despite the loss of representative centres Bob Hagan and Johnny Greaves, and with Les Johns never out of second gear, the Berries turned on a spirited display in a second half recovery. With Driscoll dominating the early scrums, Canterbury "bombed" at least three tries in the first half through poor handling in the dusty conditions. In this period, Canterbury also suffered from "drop-kickitis", with no less than eight of the team shooting futile attempts at field goals. But after Ryan had his say at half-time, Canterbury came back a different side, blending impressively in attack. Johns, hurt in the very first tackle, proved a passenger for the entire second half, after convincing Canterbury officials at half-time he could see out the match. Ryan quickly switched Johns to a roving five-eighth position, which meant the team's match-winning lock Ron Raper had to go back into the full-back position. Raper again showed what a classy player he has become with another top class, non-stop effort. He crossed for two good tries, both set up by Canterbury's young stop-gap centre, Max Brown. Brown must surely have convinced Canterbury selectors of his wealth of talent with his display. The 19-year-old has been dropped for big name players twice this season but each time gained last minute selection through injury. On both occasions he produced the goods, scoring three tries against Balmain at the SCG and backing up that with another sparkling effort yesterday. Full-back Don Parish and centre Roy Ferguson turned in impressive displays in Wests' plucky performance. Parish chimed into the Wests' attack astutely and repeatedly probed the solid Canterbury cover defence with slashing runs. **(The Sun 8th April 1967)**

Notes: This match was played after the City/Country matches on the Saturday and both Canterbury representative centres, Bob Hagan and Johnny Greaves were out. Peter Dimond was out (injured in his Reserve Grade comeback match against Penrith) and although Tony Ford was back fit, Don Parish was preferred as full-back. Former Wests' player Marty Driscoll took his revenge for being put on open transfer and cut Wests to pieces in the open. Les Johns was also a passenger for most of the match so it was a good performance by Canterbury to win. Wests also played well in an exciting match, although it was played on an absolute dust-bowl at Lidcombe Oval. Roy Ferguson enhanced his reputation with another powerful display in the centres.