



# 1967 Round 8 Saturday 13th May Pratten Park



## Eastern Suburbs 15

def.

## Western Suburbs 10

Cliff BOYD  
 Graeme STEVENS  
 Peter DICKENSON  
 Ron SADDLER  
 Bruce STEWART  
 Jim MATTHEWS (c)  
 Kevin JUNEE  
 Barry REILLY  
 Kevin ASHLEY  
 Louis NEUMANN  
 Ron PHEENEY  
 Ken OWENS  
 Sid WALSH

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

Don PARISH  
 Peter CHAPMAN  
 Roy FERGUSON  
 Rob McGUINNESS (c)  
 Dave BARSLEY  
 Ross GOODMAN  
 Pat THOMAS  
 Jim CODY  
 John ARMSTRONG  
 Barry BRYANT  
 Doug WALKADEN  
 Ken STONESTREET  
 John HAYES



**Tries** Kevin JUNEE (2)  
 Bruce STEWART

**Goals** Kevin ASHLEY (1)  
 Kevin ASHLEY (1) Field Goal  
 Jim MATTHEWS (1) Field Goal

Don PARISH (5)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: P Chapman, R McGuinness (c), R Ferguson, D Barsley' five-eighth: R Goodman; half: P Thomas; forwards: J Cody, B Bryant, J Armstrong, D Walkaden, K Stonestreet, J Hayes

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: C Boyd; three-quarters: G Stevens, P Dickenson, R Saddler, B Stewart; five-eighth: J Matthews (c); half: K Junee; forwards: B Reilly, K Ashley, L Neumann, R Pheene, K Owens, S Walsh **Referee: J Bradley (The Sun 13th May 1967)**

Eastern Suburbs' smart Rugby League half-back Kevin Junee yesterday sensed two scoring opportunities at Pratten Park and grabbed them both to send his team racing to a 15-10 win over Western Suburbs. Junee scored his second brace of tries in six days to give last year's wooden-spooners their third win in a row. It was an amazing win for Easts. They defeated Wests virtually without the ball. Wests' hooker Ken Stonestreet, a former Easts man, gave his old club a 23-8 drubbing in the scrums. Stonestreet showed no mercy to a former Wests' man, Ken Owens, who hooked for Easts. But because of Junee's brilliance and a determined team of tacklers, Easts wore Wests to a frazzle. Junee, one of the best footballing opportunists in Sydney, strengthened his claims for the selection in the State team to be announced tonight. He twice swooped through a lagging Wests' defence to score tries. The first occasion set Wests back on their heels only two minutes after the kick-off. Junee showed amazing pace to snatch a pass thrown by Wests' full-back and dive over in the corner. Then 12 minutes into the second half, he pounced again, darting through a wide gap after centre Ron Saddler had been grounded just short of the line. Easts' effort in sustained defence was nigh perfect. In the second half, when Stonestreet won scrum after scrum, Wests tried everything to get through Easts' defence. They threw the ball out to the backs, they kicked ahead, they went up the middle – but to no avail. Easts' defenders hurled themselves into the tackles until Wests wilted in the closing stages. For Wests, the "millionaire club" of League a few seasons ago, it was one of their blackest days. Officials rated Wests' performance as one of the worst ever. But it would be unjust to take anything away from Easts. Easts scored three tries to none and gave a lesson in defence that Wests will find it hard to forget. "We had enough ball to win 10 matches" a Wests' official lamented after the match. Wests held the lead only once in the match – for an eight minute period in the first half. Full-back Don Parish kicked Wests to an 8-7 lead with four goals after Easts had gained an early 7-0 advantage. But two minutes before half-time, Easts won one of their rare scrums and a try resulted. The ball swung out to Ron Saddler, who raced into the clear with two big side-steps. Saddler transferred to lock Bunny Reilly, who kicked ahead down the right flank. Winger Bruce Stewart grabbed the ball on the burst and dived over inches from the corner flag. Easts were not headed again. Easts' rise this season is a credit to coach Jack Gibson. **(Sunday Telegraph 14th May 1967)**

The lion-hearted Eastern Suburbs team yesterday overcame tremendous odds to trounce Western Suburbs 15-10 at Pratten Park. In winning, Eastern Suburbs players gave one of the outstanding defensive displays of the season despite a 14-4 loss of the ball from the second-half scrums. It would have been wrong if Easts had lost. The team scored three tries to Wests none, yet some remarkably accurate goal-kicking by Wests' full-back Don Parish, kept the scores uncomfortably close. Despite an overall scrum advantage of 32-7, West could not score a try.....A field goal by Ashley seven minutes from the finish ended any slim hope West may have had. **(The Sun-Herald 14th May 1967)**

**Notes:** Ken Stonestreet won the scrums convincingly but Wests weren't able to score because of a superb Eastern Suburbs defensive effort. Kevin Junee continued his good form with a couple of tries but overall this was a disappointing Wests' effort. Jack Gibson's coaching had turned around the Easts' team which had languished for two seasons.