



# 1964 Round 8 Sunday 7th June Belmore Oval



**Western Suburbs 6**

**drew with**

**Canterbury-Bankstown 6**



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

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

Les JOHNS (c)  
 Johnny GREAVES  
 John RUSSELL  
 Terry JOHNSTON  
 John BURNS  
 Doug McMANUS  
 Ray GARTNER  
 Roger PEARMAN  
 Ralph HARDING  
 Don HOBSON  
 Keith GLEN  
 Colin GOLDSPINK  
 Ken DAWSON

**Tries**

John BURNS  
 Ray GARTNER

**Goals**

Ken BRAY (3)

**Match Description**

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: L Johns (c); three-quarters: J Greaves, J Russell, T Johnston, J Burns; five-eighth: D McManus; half: R Gartner; forwards: R Harding, D Hobson, K Glen, C Goldspink, K Dawson

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: J Mowbray, R Ferguson, G MacDougall, P Dimond; five-eighth: R McGuinness; half: D Malone; forwards: R Costello, J Hayes, J Cody, D Meaney, K Owens, N Kelly (c)    **Referee: J Harris (as per program Rugby League News 6th/7th June 1964 + newspaper validations)**

Western Suburbs and Canterbury-Bankstown drew 6-all in a hard-fought Rugby League match under difficult conditions at Belmore Oval yesterday. Canterbury, despite the mud, played open attacking football. Wests kept the ball in the forwards, and wingers Peter Dimond and John Mowbray were rarely given a chance on the well-grassed perimeter of the field. At half-time Wests led 4-0 after full-back Ken Bray kicked two penalty goals. Early in the second half Canterbury's attacking play began to show results. Half-back Ray Gartner dashed 20 yards through the Western Suburbs defence to score in the corner. Winger John Burns scored the second try in the corner after the ball had travelled along the backline. Wests' full-back Ken Bray equaled the scores with only three minutes remaining for play. Canterbury tried desperately to secure its first win of the season in the last minutes. Outstanding players were opposing full-backs Les Johns (Canterbury) and Ken Bray (Western Suburbs). **(Daily Telegraph 8th June 1964)**

Canterbury-Bankstown earned their first Rugby League competition point of the season when they drew with Western Suburbs, 6-all, at Belmore Oval yesterday. Canterbury scored the only two tries of the match, but full-back Les Johns failed with his four kicks at goal. Western Suburbs led 4-0 at half-time. Canterbury scored their first try minutes after the start of the second half. Half-back Ray Gartner kicked over Wests' line after a scrum and, following on fast, just beat Mowbray to the ball. The second try was a gem. From a scrum 35 yards out, Gartner set his backs moving and winger Johnny Burns beat two defenders to score in the corner. With only minutes left for play Canterbury led 6-4; but a play-the-ball penalty 20 yards out allowed Ken Bray to kick his third goal. Wests had most of the ball from scrums, but their backs were often caught flat-footed. Full-back Ken Bray, apart from scoring his side's points, was sound in defence and elusive in attack. Centre Gil MacDougall gave a solid display. Canterbury prop Keith Glen had a good game and half-back Ray Gartner, reinstated to first grade this week, also played well. Full-back Les Johns had a quiet day. **(Sydney Morning Herald 8th June 1964)**

Western Suburbs full-back Ken Bray collapsed in the dressing-room after the match at Belmore Oval yesterday. He had to be assisted from the field and a doctor said he was suffering from mild concussion. A few minutes earlier he had kicked a goal which enabled Wests to scrape to a 6-all draw against Canterbury. Apart from kicking three goals Bray played an outstanding game for Wests, being one of the few players capable of penetrating the defence. Canterbury, handling the greasy conditions better than their opponents, were unlucky not to win. They scored two good tries and their forwards shaded the Wests' pack. **(The Sun 8th June 1964)**

**Notes:** This was a dour forward struggle played on a very muddy field. Mowbray and Dimond hardly saw the ball as the forwards slogged it out. Nevertheless, Canterbury were able to score two good tries and a late Ken Bray goal saved the match. Ken Bray was the best player on the field but collapsed in the dressing-room after the match, suffering from concussion. Canterbury had not won a match in the season so this was a disappointing result for Wests.