



1964 Round 9 Monday 15th June Pratten Park



St George 20

def.

Western Suburbs 13

Brian GRAHAM
Johnny KING
Reg GASNIER
Graeme LANGLANDS
Eddie LUMSDEN
Bruce POLLARD
George EVANS
Johnny RAPER
Norm PROVAN (c)
Dick HUDDART
Kevin RYAN
Peter ARMSTRONG
Monty PORTER

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

Ken BRAY
John MOWBRAY
Roy FERGUSON
Rob McGUINNESS
Peter DIMOND
Gil MacDOUGALL
Don MALONE
Jim CODY
Bill CARSON
John HAYES
Denis MEANEY
Noel KELLY (c)
Jack GIBSON
Doug PAGE



Tries Peter ARMSTRONG
Johnny KING

Peter DIMOND

Goals Brian GRAHAM (7)

Ken BRAY (5)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: J Mowbray, R McGuinness, R Ferguson, P Dimond; five-eighth: G MacDougall; half: D Malone; forwards: J Cody, J Hayes, W Carson, D Meaney, N Kelly (c), J Gibson

St George: Full-back: B Graham; three-quarters: J King, R Gasnier, G Langlands, E Lumsden; five-eighth: B Pollard; half: G Evans; forwards: J Raper, N Provan (c), D Huddart, K Ryan, P Armstrong, M Porter **Referee: G Lane (The Sun 15th June 1964)**

Referee George Lane ordered St George Rugby League captain-coach Norm Provan from the field 15 minutes from the end of yesterday's match against Western Suburbs. St George snatched a 20-13 win in an incident-packed match at Pratten Park. In an exciting finish St George players protested to referee Lane when the full-time hooter failed to sound. With the ground clock showing full-time St George led 17-13 but was desperately defending near its own line. Play continued for three minutes before timekeepers realised the trouble and sounded the bell. In the three minutes St George saved twice after menacing Wests' up and unders. As the bell sounded in the 43rd minute, St George winger Johnny King toed a loose ball through and scored near the posts. The match, in the tradition of St George-Wests clashes in recent years, produced some of the toughest football of the season. Provan's dismissal capped probably his unhappiest game for many years. Early in the match he suffered a deep cut under his left eye. Provan was cautioned twice after incidents with Wests' lock Jim Cody. In other incidents in the game: *Wests' goal-kicker Ken Bray played through the second half in a blackout after taking a heavy knock *Wests lost former Test prop Bill Carson with an ankle injury in the 10th minute of play. * The goal by full-back Brian Graham which gave St George the lead for the first time was disputed with the linesmen signalling one up and one down. Spearheaded by an inspired Noel Kelly, Wests played great football to hold St George throughout. Wests have won only two matches this year, but yesterday raced to a 9-0 lead after eight minutes of play. In this period full-back Bray kicked three fine goals and Kangaroo winger Peter Dimond scored a brilliant solo try. ... **(Daily Telegraph 16th June 1964)**

.....After Provan left the arena, there followed an amazing series of incidents to climax this torrid clash between last year's grand finalists. Heading the series of incidents was the failure of the siren to sound when full-time was indicated by the scoring clock. At least an extra three minutes were played, during which St George winger Johnny King went over for a try to lift his team's score from 17-13 to 20-13. But the score could easily have gone the other way and robbed St George of their win..... To add to the drama, the linesmen disagreed over a crucial St George goal kick nine minutes from the finish. Lane ruled the kick good and St George went to a 15-13 lead with the match still swinging in the balance.... As usual, the match developed into a rugged, bruising battle between the two big packs. In the first half, Provan was "needled", culminating with his cheek being gashed just below his left eye. Provan "exploded and sent Wests' lock Jim Cody down with half a dozen hefty punches.... **(The Sydney Morning Herald 16th June 1964)**

Notes: Bill Carson came back for this match but damaged an ankle after only 10 minutes. Kevin Smyth also played a third grade match in a comeback game after a serious leg surgery. Norm Provan was sent off in a roughhouse match for abusing the referee. He had been involved in a fracas with Jim Cody where he had landed a number of well-timed punches. In fact, there were many punches thrown in the match in a typical Wests/St George clash. Wests were well in this match until a late St George try by Johnny King, which was scored three minutes after the bell when the timekeepers didn't realise time was up.