1973 Round 13 Sunday 17th June Lidcombe Oval

Western Suburbs 12 def. Parramatta 9

Tony FORD	***Fullback***	Mike LEARY
Stephen SATTERLY	***Wing***	Phil JELLEY
Stephen KNIGHT	***Centre***	Ron GRAHAM
Robbie PARKER	***Centre***	Brian BENNETT
Allan ASHMORE	***Wing***	Terry SCURFIELD
Neville SINCLAIR	***Five-eighth***	John KOLC
Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)	***Half***	Terry REYNOLDS
John BAKER	***Lock***	Bob JAY
Geoff FOSTER	***Second Row***	John VINCENT
Jim MYERS	***Second Row***	Keith CAMPBELL
John O'BRYAN	***Front Row***	Tony CHARLTON
Shane DAY	***Hooker***	John McMARTIN
Jim CODY	***Front Row***	Bob O'REILLY (c)
Terry MULLINS	***Replacement***	John WILSON
Brian ISBESTER	***Replacement***	Bryan SMITH
Tries Geoff FOSTER Stephen SATTERLY		John McMARTIN
Go*als* Tony FORD (3)		Keith CAMPBELL (3)

Match Description
Parramatta: Full-back: M Leary; three-quarters: P Jelley, R Graham, B Bennett, T Scurfield; five-eighth: J Kolc; half: T Reynolds; forwards: R Jay, K Campbell, J Vincent, T Charlton, J McMartin, R O'Reilly (c)
Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: S Satterly, S Knight, R Parker, A Ashmore; five-eighth: N Sinclair; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: J Baker, G Foster, J Myers, J O'Bryan, S Day, J Cody **Referee: D McDonald (Rugby League Week 23rd June 1973)**

"It could have been World War 11 again, out there" was Bob O'Reilly's summing up of the gruelling Lidcombe Oval encounter, in which Wests beat his team, Parramatta, 12-9, yesterday. The teams really slogged it out and there were a number of walking wounded as well as recorded casualties when the game ended. Possibly the players were inspired by a Lidcombe Oval innovation – an exhibition of fisticuffs (four two-minute rounds) between Tony Mundine and Fijian Al Korovau – before the start. The fans who cheered the boxers were still applauding when O'Reilly and Jim Cody shaped up in the first two minutes of the football battle. Referee Don McDonald ended that contest and kept good control over the succeeding rounds which included some terrific body contact and maybe more punches than Mundine and Korovau had thrown. At the finish Parramatta had replaced two men – John Kolc (sprained ankle) and Tony Charlton (concussion). Coach Don Parish was happy with Wests' strong game, declaring it their best so far. "They mightn't have much chance of getting into the top five, but they'll give every match a shake from now on," he said. Parramatta's coach Dave Bolton wasn't too disheartened. He pointed out Parramatta lost half-back Kolc after only 15 minutes. Top performers for Wests were skipper Tom Raudonikis, always a threat, and new second-rowers Geoff Foster and Jamie Myers, who replaced injured Barry Bryant. **(The Sun 18th June 1973)**

Boxer Tony Mundine set the atmosphere for yesterday's Western Suburbs-Parramatta knock'em-down, drag'em out League clash at Lidcombe. Wests, continuing their recent new-found form, came from behind to win the bruising encounter 12-9. Wests trailed 5-7 at half-time but blanketed Parramatta out of the game with fiery second-half tackling. World middle-weight contender Mundine, a keen Wests' supporter, gave a four-round exhibition before the game. Half-back Tom Raudonikis was the link that lifted Wests to a match-winning rally in the second half. Wests' forwards Geoff Foster and newcomer Jim Myers, and inside backs Nev Sinclair and Robbie Parker had big games. Full-back Tony Ford showed plenty of pluck when he came back on the field despite a badly gashed left eye. Parramatta lost half-back John Kolc after only 13 minutes and their troubles multiplied in the second half when the big prop Tony Charlton went off with concussion. **(Daily Telegraph 18th June 1973)**

…. Western Suburbs did not win a scrum in the first half. The final count was 6-4 in Parramatta's favour. The Parramatta captain, prop Bob O'Reilly, attracted close attention from the Wests forwards and was involved in some incidents that brought penalties to his team. From one of these, Parramatta went further ahead when Campbell kicked a 35-yard angled goal. Then Wests snatched a 10-9 lead, when second-rower Geoff Foster dived over from a play-the-ball movement and full-back Tony Ford converted. Parramatta incurred two casualties – five-eighth John Kolc (sprained ankle) and prop Tony Charlton (concussion). **(Sydney Morning Herald 18th June 1973)**

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Notes: *Led by a fiery Jim Cody, the Wests' pack, with newcomers, Geoff Foster and Jim Myers, gave a ferocious tackling display to allow Wests to overcome a 5-7 deficit. In a very gruelling match with numerous forward clashes, especially with Bob O'Reilly and Cody and Foster, Wests sealed the match with a Ford penalty two minutes from the end. Raudonikis played his usual high quality game.*