



# 1974 Preliminary Semi Sunday 1st September Sports Ground



## Western Suburbs 24

def.

## South Sydney 8

John DORAHY  
 Stephen SATTERLY  
 Stephen KNIGHT  
 Robbie PARKER  
 Russell MULLINS  
 Russell WORTH  
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
 Warren SNODGRASS  
 Geoff FOSTER  
 Mick LIUBINSKAS  
 Pat HUNDY  
 John PURCELL  
 Brian ISBESTER  
 John ELFORD  
 Graeme O'GRADY

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

Eric SIMMS  
 Tom MOONEY  
 Owen O'DONNELL  
 Ross BIRRELL  
 Steve LITTLE  
 Jeff WITHERS  
 Barry WOOD  
 Paul SAIT  
 Gary STEVENS  
 Bob McCARTHY (c)  
 Harry EDEN  
 George PIGGINS  
 Herb TIMMS



**Tries** Russell MULLINS (2)  
 Mick LIUBINSKAS  
 Russell WORTH

Steve LITTLE  
 Bob McCARTHY

**Goals** John DORAHY (6)

Eric SIMMS (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: S Satterly, S Knight, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: R Worth; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: W Snodgrass, G Foster, Brian Isbester, P Hundy, J Purcell, M Liubinskas

**South Sydney:** Full-back: E Simms; three-quarters: S Little, O O'Donnell, T Mooney, R Birrell; five-eighth: J Withers; half: B Woods; forwards: P Sait, G Stevens, R McCarthy (c), H Eden, G Piggins, H Timms **Referee: L Bruyeres (The Sun 30th August 1974)**

John Dorahy proved again in yesterday's 24-8 win by Wests over Souths at the Sports Ground that he uses the wind better than any other Sydney full-back. With Wests hardly getting a smell of the ball from the set scrums, dominated 21-7 by George Piggins, Dorahy's driving kicks in the first half on the sixth tackle meant hundreds of metres to the Magpies. Souths were held scoreless in the second half after leading 8-7 at half-time and Wests added tries by Russell Worth, Russell Mullins (his second) and Mick Liubinskas. Souths contested Mullins' first try, from dummy half near the posts, and there was no doubt the try by Liubinskas should have been a penalty to Souths. Liubinskas fielded a kick-off before it could travel 10 yards and then made a magnificent long run to cross in the corner and be awarded a try. That was the last score for the day and had no bearing on the result. For Wests, it was a grand team effort all day, with young forwards Liubinskas, Pat Hundy and Brian Isbester coming through their semi-final baptism with great distinction. Tommy Raudonikis was closely marked but played well throughout. ... **(The Sun 2nd September 1974)**

The fickle winds of Sydney Sports Ground and the Western Suburbs "kids" yesterday blew South Sydney out of the Rugby League semi-finals. The dashing young Wests team stormed home to win the elimination semi-final 24-8 as wind and rain lashed the Sports Ground. Down 8-7 at half-time Wests staged a full-blooded second half revival to swamp the Rabbitohs. Souths had to face the wind in both halves. The result of a flash storm that hit the Sports Ground almost exactly at half-time. Spectators in the bumper 26,276 crowd huddled under boxes, newspapers and plastic sheets as the rain swept the ground. After running into a lively breeze from the SCG end in the first half, the Souths players found themselves running into a blustery gale from the railway end in the second half. The irony of the situation was that Souths had won the toss and elected to run into the wind. Wind or no wind, Tom Raudonikis and his young Magpies emerged with all the credit yesterday. They go into next Sunday's minor semi-final against Manly as worthy and dangerous challengers..... Wests were great in yesterday's second half – resourceful in attack and determined in defence. Shrugging off a 16-8 hiding from Souths' George Piggins in the scrums, they ran on for three second half tries. ... A big captain's game from Tom Raudonikis, non-stop grafting by forwards Hundy, Liubinskas and Foster and moments of "magic" from full-back John Dorahy highlighted Wests' win.... **(Daily Telegraph 2nd September 1974)**

**Notes:** Close at half-time, Wests turned on the power in the second half on a Sports Ground badly affected by a flash storm, with heavy rain and high winds. With Raudonikis pulling the strings, John Dorahy turned on a blinder, chiming in with every opportunity. The opportunities were limited, with Wests losing the scrums 16-8 but Hundy, Liubinskas and Foster all made many charges through the middle of the ruck and tackled themselves to a stand-still.