



1971 Round 1 Sunday 28th March Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 55

def.

Canterbury-Bankstown 12



Peter FLANDERS
 Don ROGERS
 Dick TIMBS
 Roy FERGUSON (c)
 John ELFORD
 Tim MURPHY
 Tom RAUDONIKIS
 Rod SMITH
 John BAKER
 Barry BRYANT
 Jim CODY
 Ken STONESTREET
 Steve WINTER

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

Peter INSKIP
 Ray STRUDWICK
 Wayne PECKHAM
 John RHODES
 Alan BURWELL
 Dennis SCAHILL
 Les HUTCHINGS
 Ray PAYNE
 Nev HORNERY
 Ron COSTELLO (c)
 Bill NOONAN
 Marty DRISCOLL
 John ARMSTRONG

Tries

Don ROGERS (3)
 Rod SMITH (2)
 Dick TIMBS (2)
 Jim CODY
 Barry BRYANT
 Roy FERGUSON
 Peter FLANDERS

John RHODES
 John ARMSTRONG

Goals

Peter FLANDERS (11)

Peter INSKIP (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: P Flanders; three-quarters: D Rogers, R Ferguson (c), R Timbs, J Elford; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: T Raudonikis; forwards: R Smith, J Baker, B Bryant, S Winter, K Stonestreet, J Cody

Parramatta: Full-back: P Inskip; three-quarters: R Strudwick, W Peckham, J Rhodes, A Burwell; five-eighth: D Scahill; half: L Hutchings; forwards: N Hornery, R Costello, W Noonan, M Driscoll, J Armstrong, R Payne **Referee: L Bruyeres (Rugby League Week 4th April 1971)**

Full-back Peter Flanders had a field day notching 25 points from a try and 11 goals as Wests stormed to their biggest win in years. Canterbury lost lock Neville Hornery 15 minutes from the end when he was sent off by referee Laurie Bruyeres. Hornery will appear before the NSW Rugby league judiciary tonight with using a stiff-arm tackle. He received a two-match suspension in the pre-season competition for allegedly using an elbow. Canterbury's line was crossed 11 times as Wests repeatedly ran through a weak defence. Even when a Canterbury defender did attempt to call a halt, Wests' players were able to step out of half-hearted tackles. ... With the exception of former World Cup centre John Rhodes and ex-Wests' forward John Armstrong, Canterbury played badly. They sorely lacked the guidance of Captain Ron Raper who missed his first premiership match in 147 games. ... Wests took the opportunity to turn in a first-class performance. At no stage did they look like the team which finished second from the bottom of last year's table. Apart from a few shaky moments at the beginning, Wests played soundly. The forwards ran roughshod over their Canterbury counterparts and gave their backs every opportunity to excel. Half Tom Raudonikis, second-rowers Barry Bryant and John Baker and prop Jim Cody had exceptionally strong games. Canterbury opened the scoring with a penalty and two minutes later Rhodes made a strong 70-yard run to touch down. With Peter Inskip's conversion, Canterbury led 7-0 after only eight minutes. Then Wests began to move into gear. A penalty goal by Flanders and a try by lock Rod Smith seemed to be the signal for an all-out effort. Wests hit the front in the 24th minute after Flanders had crossed for a good try following an orthodox backline movement. From that point it was all Wests. The tries began piling up as Cody, Dick Timbs and Roy Ferguson went over, and with Flanders accurate kicking, Wests led 23-7 by half-time. What was left of Canterbury's defence crumbled in the second half with the forwards disjointed and refusing to tackle. Wests crossed for another seven tries and the final siren must have sounded like music to Canterbury. **(Daily Telegraph 29th March 1971)**

.. Western Suburbs scored 11 tries in annihilating a pathetic Canterbury side and served notice on the more fancied clubs in the 1971 season. Canterbury were handicapped without lock Ron Raper, and their re-shuffled pack failed to get going. Then 25 minutes into the second-half, referee Laurie Bruyeres added to Canterbury's troubles by sending off Neville Hornery for an alleged high tackle on Baker. Hornery last night was omitted from all grade teams for the next weekend. ...**(Sydney Morning Herald 29th March 1971)**

Notes: Raudonikis had been moved from five-eighth to half in the pre-season and it had provided extra thrust. He was working behind a pack that all had outstanding matches. Wests ran in tries at will in the second half. Dick Timbs, younger brother of Kevin, had a great debut, scoring two tries, while Peter Flanders scored 25 points. Nev Hornery, ex-Wests, was sent off in the second half, adding to their woes.