



1980 Round 10 Sunday 1st June Redfern Oval



South Sydney 26

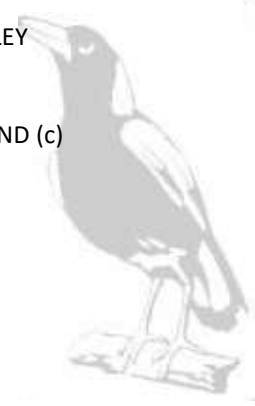
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Western Suburbs 10

Eric FERGUSON
 Ziggy NISZCZOT
 Joe SQUADRITO
 Gary KNIGHT
 Steve WALSH
 Gary WRIGHT
 David SINCLAIR
 Shane ARNEIL
 Nathan GIBBS (c)
 Peter TUNKS
 Gary HAMBLY
 Ken STEWART
 Charlie FIRTH

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

Wayne SMITH
 Wayne BUCKLEY
 Mark BEAVEN
 Ron GITEAU
 Warren BOLAND (c)
 Terry LAMB
 Alan NEIL
 John RIBOT
 John McLEOD
 Bob COOPER
 Tom ARBER
 Jack JEFFRIES
 Bruce GIBBS
 Peter ROWLES
 Geoff SPOTSWOOD



Tries

Gary KNIGHT
 Steve WALSH
 Peter TUNKS
 Ziggy NISZCZOT

John RIBOT
 Alan NEIL

Goals

Eric FERGUSON (7)

Ron GITEAU (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: W Buckley, M Beaven, R Giteau, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: A Neil; forwards: J Ribot, J McLeod, R Cooper, T Arber, J Jeffries, B Gibbs

South Sydney: Full-back: E Ferguson; three-quarters: Z Niszczot, G Knight, J Squadrito, S Walsh; five-eighth: G Wright; half: D Sinclair; forwards: S Arneil, P Tunks, N Gibbs (c), C Firth, K Stewart, G Hambly **Referee: K Roberts (The Sun 30th May 1980)**

Talented half Alan Neil fell from favour with both his supporters and the referee as Western Suburbs crashed to defeat at Redfern Oval yesterday. Spectators could be forgiven for thinking that Souths were top of the premiership table, not Wests, as the Rabbitohs ran in four tries to win 26-10. Eric Ferguson and the big Souths forwards were the heroes of the Redfern crowd. Ferguson kicked seven goals straight. It was Wests' third loss of the season. The defeat of St George at Leichhardt still leaves Wests equal competition leaders with Manly on 14 points. Neil, cast in the Raudonikis mould when it comes to on-field chatter, will have to learn to curb his tongue. For the second week running he was in trouble with referee Kevin Roberts, for scrum infringements and back-chatting. He gave away four penalties, three of them in the vital early stages. Ferguson was only too happy to pilot them between the posts. Midway through the second half, Roberts spoke to captain Warren Boland after yet another scrum penalty and five-eighth and new boy to Sydney League Terry Lamb took over the feed. That did not last long. Coach Roy Masters replaced Lamb with five-eighth Peter Rowles and Neil went back to half. The statistics tell a strange story. The penalties, despite Neil's disagreements with Roberts, were 7-7, and the scrums 13-10 in favour of Wests' Jack Jeffries. But Wests squandered possession, knocked down ball and all by hard tackling from Charlie Firth and Gary Hambly. Big Bruce Gibbs, not normally on the receiving end, felt the full effect of a Hambly charge late in the second half and was a passenger thereafter. The Souths' backs enjoyed a great deal more latitude than even they would have hoped for against a team leading the competition. Ziggy Niszczot, on the wing, was particularly impressive with several long, penetrating runs. Niszczot was the man on the spot to chase a kick through, regather and go over in the corner just before half-time. Wests were down 0-13 and not even the Masters' magic in the dressing room could help. Wests trailed by 23-2 with 18 minutes to go and the two tries that followed for John Ribot and Neil were of academic interest only. **(Sydney Morning Herald 2nd June 1980)**

The Souths slump is over. That's what they were saying at Redfern Oval yesterday after the Rabbitohs knocked off the competition leaders Wests. Souths' fans yesterday saw the style of play they had seen in the early rounds – the play that scored tries and won games in a manner they had become accustomed to a decade ago..... **(Daily Telegraph 2nd June 1980)**

Notes: John Donnelly was still troubled by ligament damage and was replaced by Tom Arber, on debut. Wests gave away far too many penalties in the first half and were down 13-0 at half-time, which included five penalty goals. They were thoroughly outplayed by a strong-tackling Souths team. It didn't help that Alan Neil had a running battle with referee Kevin Roberts, who warned him against his scrum feeding technique. Terry Lamb went into half but was replaced by Peter Rowles. Geoff Spotswood also debuted, as a replacement.