



1970 Round 10 Sunday 31st May Sports Ground



South Sydney 25

def.

Western Suburbs 4

Ray BRANIGHAN
Keith EDWARDS
Greg NORGARD
Eric SIMMS
Bob HONAN
Denis PITTARD
Bob GRANT
Ron COOTE
Paul SAIT
Bob McCARTHY
John O'NEILL
Elwyn WALTERS
John SATTLE (c)

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

Tony FORD
Don ROGERS
Roy FERGUSON (c)
Derek BROUWER
Peter FLANDERS
Tom RAUDONIKIS
John MAXWELL
Rod SMITH
John BAKER
Barry BRYANT
John ARMSTRONG
Ken STONESTREET
John WALSH
Kevin TIMBS
John FISHER



Tries

Keith EDWARDS
Bob HONAN
Paul SAIT
Denis PITTARD
Greg NORGARD

Goals

Eric SIMMS (5)

Peter FLANDERS (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, R Ferguson (c), D Brouwer, P Flanders; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: J Maxwell; forwards: R Smith, K Timbs, B Bryant, J Armstrong, K Stonestreet, J Walsh

South Sydney: Full-back: R Branighan; three-quarters: K Edwards, G Norgard, E Simms, R Honan; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: R Grant; forwards: R Coote, P Sait, R McCarthy, J O'Neill, E Walters, J Sattler (c) **Referee: L Bruyeres (Rugby League Week 6th June 1970)**

South Sydney staged a whirlwind finish to defeat Western Suburbs 25-4 in the Rugby League match at Sydney Sports Ground. Tight defence by Wests held Souths at 7-4 until midway through the second half. Then Souths opened up and flattened Wests' chances with four tries, three of them converted. The convincing win delighted Souths' selectors, who faced a barrage of criticism when they re-shuffled the team last week. ... Wests lost two players and showed the effects of 80 minutes of hard tackling. Second-rower John Baker injured his leg in the first half and was replaced by Kevin Timbs. Full-back Tony Ford was carried from the field 10 minutes before full-time. He badly injured the knee which was recently subject to a cartilage operation. "Ford will be advised to give the game away for 12 months," coach Ron Watson said. Five-eighth Dennis Pittard opened Souths' scoring in the 16th minute when second-rower Bob McCarthy and winger Bob Honan combined to send him clear. Simms returned to goal-kicking form, landing five from eight attempts. Wests' points came from winger Peter Flanders, who kicked two penalty goals from three attempts. Tries by wingers Honan and Keith Edwards left Wests' defenders standing in the last 20 minutes. Second-rower Paul Sait scored a fine individual try when he cut through from the 25-yard line. Norgard scored Souths' last try three minutes from the end. Wests' best players were centres Roy Ferguson and Derek Brouwer. ... **(Daily Telegraph 1st June 1970)**

... Full-back Ray Branighan started Souths' late-scoring burst when he dashed up to take a blind side pass from Bob Grant and split the defence to send winger Bob Honan away for a stirring try. Souths' hooker Elwyn Walters virtually shut Wests out of the match in the second half. Walters was ahead of Ken Stonestreet 10-8 in the scrum count at half-time. He won 10 of the first 12 second-half scrums, before Wests' Ken Stonestreet pegged him back for a final tally of 20-13 in Walters' favour. There were some torrid clashes in the scrums. Souths' Captain, prop John Sattler, was cautioned twice. But Sattler and Eric Simms, playing in the centre, did a lot of heavy tackling. Test lock Ron Coote starred among the forwards and five-eighth Dennis Pittard combined brilliantly with him in many Souths' attacks. Some of Souths' passing was untidy, particularly to Honan's wing, where the ball twice was thrown into touch. Wests had their moments, but poor handling at critical stages broke up several moves that looked likely to produce tries. Halves Tom Raudonikis and John Maxwell, centre Roy Ferguson, prop John Walsh, lock Rod Smith and red-haired second-rower Barry Bryant did a lot of work for Wests. **(Sydney Morning Herald 1st June 1970)**

Notes: Kevin Timbs made his debut in this match, coming on for the injured Baker. Although Wests were soundly beaten, the match enhanced the reputation of Tom Raudonikis, who was being compared to the great Frank Stanmore of the 1940's/50's. Ken Stonestreet was significantly beaten 23-13 in the scrums and he didn't seem to be getting support from the props. Tony Ford's knee went again and he would be out for the rest of the season. With the scrum dominance, Souths were just too strong.