



# 1975 Round 11 Sunday 1st June Lidcombe Oval



## Western Suburbs 26

def.

## Cronulla-Sutherland 20



John DORAHY  
 Trevor SCARR  
 Ron GITEAU  
 John HEYWARD  
 Russell MULLINS  
 Tim MURPHY  
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
 Chris WELLMAN  
 Geoff FOSTER  
 Jim MURPHY  
 Pat HUNDY  
 Shane DAY  
 John DONNELLY

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

Rick BOURKE  
 Ray CORCORAN  
 Steve EDMONDS  
 Paul TAYLOR  
 Greg MULLANE  
 Barry ANDREWS  
 Fred DENNEHY  
 Greg PIERCE (c)  
 Eric ARCHER  
 Ken MADDISON  
 Greg ALLEN  
 Ron TURNER  
 Paul KHAN

### Tries

Russell MULLINS  
 John HEYWARD  
 Ron GITEAU  
 John DORAHY

Barry ANDREWS  
 Ray CORCORAN  
 Steve EDMONDS  
 Paul KHAN

### Goals

John DORAHY (7)

Barry ANDREWS (4)

### Match Description

**Cronulla-Sutherland:** Full-back: R Bourke; three-quarters: R Corcoran, S Edmonds, P Taylor, G Mullane; five-eighth: B Andrews; half: F Dennehy; forwards: G Pierce, E Archer, K Maddison, G Allen, R Turner, P Khan

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: T Scarr, R Giteau, J Heyward, R Mullins; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: C Wellman, J Murphy, G Foster, J Donnelly, S Day, P Hundy **Referee: K Roberts (Rugby League Week 7th June 1975)**

..... Wests' fullback John Dorahy has forgotten the goal-kicking "horrors" he experienced early in the season and passed the 100 points mark yesterday against Cronulla. In a cavalier exhibition, Dorahy reminded the 7,800 spectators that he is not far behind anyone in the country in discussions of our best full-back. He figured prominently in all of Wests' 26 points. Dorahy has undergone extensive goal-kicking practice, and yesterday he landed seven from eight attempts, including two from touch. He landed four in the first 20 minutes and took the major role in the first try scored by Russell Mullins. The Magpies' full-back put a high punt over the Sharks' line and Mullins leapt high to take on the full and then force the ball. The same pair combined to add a second-half try in a shock move. Dorahy floated a half-way kick-off high into the air and Mullins dashed through to regain possession before the ball hit the ground. He then made ground before lofting a pass out to centre Ron Giteau, who sprinted away to score. Wests turned round with a 16-7 advantage when Dorahy grubber-kicked and Cronulla full-back Rick Bourke was found wanting when hustled by John Heyward, who snatched the ball from the ground and dived over. Dorahy then scored a great individual try himself after beating five defenders in a tight space. Winger Ray Corcoran and centre Steve Edmonds scored and, with only a minute remaining, Dorahy made his first mistake when he misfielded over his own line and Barry Andrews pounced on the ball. **(Sydney Morning Herald 2nd June 1975)**

While Wests' fullback John Dorahy had one of those matches to remember at Lidcombe yesterday, it was still the captain's day. Wests skipper Tom Raudonikis made a strong return and it was as much his general-ship as Dorahy's brilliance that got Wests home 26-20 against Cronulla. Raudonikis needed to prove his fitness and he needed to play well enough to let the Australian selectors know he was ready for Internationals again. Raudonikis guided Wests, as mistake-ridden Cronulla kept giving the ball back to them. Cronulla threw away a golden chance to be three points clear in fifth place but their defence again let them down. The Sharks have scored 40 points in two matches, yet lost both. Defence has been their weakness since the first premiership match when Penrith scored four tries and it still remains their major problem. Wests came out of the match smiling, simply because they played without centres Stephen Knight, Robbie Parker and prop Mick Liubinskas. Dorahy's effort was outstanding. Wests led 16-7 at half-time and all of it was Dorahy's work. **(The Sun 2nd June 1975)**

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**Notes:** In a very disjointed game John Dorahy was outstanding, kicking seven out of eight goals, scoring a try and setting up two others with brilliant cross-kicks. It was Raudonikis' leadership, however, that came to the fore in the absence of Knight, Parker and Liubinskas. He drove the team to victory from his many attacks and by his front-on tackling. He had been sorely missed.