



1974 Round 11 Sunday 9th June Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 16

def.

Cronulla-Sutherland 6



John DORAHY
 Stephen SATTERLY
 Stephen KNIGHT
 Robbie PARKER
 Russell MULLINS
 Russell WORTH
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Jim MYERS
 Warren SNODGRASS
 John ELFORD
 Pat HUNDY
 John PURCELL
 Mick LIUBINSKAS
 Geoff FOSTER

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

Rick BOURKE
 Ray CORCORAN
 Bob WEAR
 Eric ARCHER
 David WAITE
 Maurie RAPER
 Fred DENNEHY
 Greg PIERCE
 John MAGUIRE
 Ken MADDISON (c)
 Greg ALLEN
 Ron TURNER
 Vince FARRAR

Tries Russell MULLINS
 Robbie PARKER
 Stephen KNIGHT
 Tom RAUDONIKIS

David WAITE
 John MAGUIRE

Goals John DORAHY (2)

Match Description

Cronulla-Sutherland: Full-back: R Bourke; three-quarters: R Corcoran, R Wear, E Archer, D Waite; five-eighth: M Raper; half: F Dennehy; forwards: G Pierce, J Maguire, K Maddison (c), G Allen, R Turner, V Farrar
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: J Myers, J Elford, W Snodgrass, P Hundy, J Purcell, M Liubinskas **Referee: G Hartley (Rugby League Week 15th June 1974)**

“They played better than I thought they could,” was the reaction of Wests’ coach Don Parish, following his team’s 16-6 defeat of Cronulla-Sutherland at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Wests had eight men eligible to play in the Under-23 Grade, but they played their hearts out to set up what proved to be a match-winning 9-0 lead at half-time running against a strong southerly. Taking advantage of an early share of possession the Magpies put Cronulla under great pressure. Rookie prop Mick Liubinskas, one of Wests’ best players, sent winger Russell Mullins over after 15 minutes. A quarter of an hour later Tom Raudonikis set up Robbie Parker with a clever pass, and six minutes later scored himself after good lead-up work by Russell Worth. With Raudonikis allowed to dictate play, it was all Wests. After the break, the Cronulla forwards packing much lower, monopolised possession. Hooker Ron Turner won 10 scrums in succession and this enabled the Sharks to make their customary comeback. Within 20 minutes, Maguire and Waite crossed for tries. Full-back John Dorahy had coach Parish jumping in delight when he sent Knight in near the posts to end the Sharks’ hopes. Decision of Wests’ selectors to “go for youth” paid off. Liubinskas, Purcell, Hundy, all 21-year-olds, appear to be in first grade to stay. **(The Sun 10th June 1974)**

Two promoted 20-year-old props, Mick Liubinskas and Pat Hundy, paved the way for Western Suburbs’ shock 16-6 win over Cronulla at Lidcombe Oval. Their tough, non-stop play was cleverly directed by Kangaroo half Tom Raudonikis. Liubinskas and Hundy made the break for Wests’ early tries. Raudonikis, bidding for his place in the Australian team to play England, cut the Cronulla defence to pieces with sharp runs and shrewdly directed passes. Centres Steve Knight and Robbie Parker and full-back John Dorahy also gave Cronulla constant trouble. Western Suburbs won the game in the first half when they scored three tries. Despite the assistance of a strong wind, Cronulla failed to mount any worthwhile attacking moves. In fact, the only Cronulla player to penetrate was prop Vince Farrar, who twice ran about 15 metres. Wests even scored a goal from the second-half kick-off. The Sharks were penalized because Eric Archer’s kick did not cover 10 yards and Dorahy scored for an 11-nil lead. Cronulla tried to get back in the game with tries by second-row forwards John Maguire and winger David Waite. But centre Steve Knight sealed the game for Wests with a 70-metre try, started with a breakthrough by Parker. **(Daily Telegraph 10th June 1974)**

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Notes: Don Parish and the selectors put the broom through the team, with Satterly, Myers, Hundy, Raudonikis (back from rep duties) coming in and Ford, O’Grady, Foster and Rigney (suspended) out. Eight of the players were eligible for U23’s. The return of Tom Raudonikis was significant. He played a blinder, leading from the front and was ably supported by Pat Hundy and particularly Mick Liubinskas who was outstanding in attack and defence. The last try by Stephen Knight, which sealed the win, was a 70-yard beauty, scored after an initial break by Robbie Parker.