



1980 Round 12 Sunday 22nd June Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 16

def.

Cronulla-Sutherland 11

Wayne SMITH
Wayne BUCKLEY
Ted GOODWIN
Ron GITEAU
Warren BOLAND (c)
Terry LAMB
Alan NEIL
Jim LEIS
Bob COOPER
John McLEOD
John DONNELLY
Jack JEFFRIES
Tom ARBER

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

Rick BOURKE
Chris GARDNER
Ossie WELSH
Greg MULLANE
Steve EDMONDS
Steve ROGERS
Greg COX
Scott DUDMAN
Kurt SORENSEN
Greg PIERCE (c)
Dane SORENSEN
Barry PEARSON
Paul KHAN
Rowland BECKETT

Tries

Alan NEIL
Ron GITEAU

Steve ROGERS

Goals

Ron GITEAU (5)

Steve ROGERS (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: W Buckley, E Goodwin, R Giteau, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: A Neil; forwards: J Leis, J McLeod, R Cooper, J Donnelly, J Jeffries, T Arber

Cronulla-Sutherland: Full-back: R Bourke; three-quarters: C Gardner, O Welsh, G Mullane, S Edmonds; five-eighth: S Rogers; half: G Cox; forwards: S Dudman, K Sorensen, G Pierce (c), D Sorensen, B Pearson, P Khan **Referee: J Danzey (Rugby League Week 26th June 1980)**

Wests' astute coach, Roy Masters, made one of his rare wrong decisions two minutes before Teddy Goodwin was sent off in the match against Cronulla at Lidcombe yesterday. Masters tossed up over replacing Goodwin, and decided to give him a few minutes longer. Next thing, Kurt Sorensen, nowhere near the ball, was flattened and referee, Jack Danzey marched Goodwin immediately. Goodwin received \$1,000 for the Magpies' ninth win as he is on incentive payments, rather than a guarantee for the season. His fee jackpots \$100 a win and a six weeks' suspension could cost him over \$8,000. Wests won 16-11 after Sorensen squared the teams numerically when he was sent off three minutes after Goodwin. Referee Danzey had no hesitation dismissing Sorensen after Magpie goal-kicker, Ron Giteau, had been felled. Cronulla probably will ask why he was sent off when his side was playing against 12 men. Neither Wests nor Cronulla will send video film of the match with Sorensen and Goodwin when they front the judiciary committee tonight. In a match which was hard rather than brilliant, Wests tackled well despite a severe penalty count against them. Cronulla's only try came two minutes from the end. But Wests were clearly the better side. Wests started vigorously to pressure the Sharks in a game in which 11 players received cautions. There was one flare-up in a scrum in the second half which resulted in several cautions and a penalty to Wests. Magpie lock Jimmy Leis, just back from NZ, had his left eyebrow split, but it did not require stitching. Cronulla lost hooker Barry Pearson at half-time with a neck injury which will require manipulation during the week. The locks headed the tackle counts with Leis and Cronulla's Scott Dudman each getting through 32. Dudman was one of the best players on the field in attack as well as defence. Steve Rogers, in his comeback game after injury, had treatment several times, but pulled up well. Although Rogers was named as centre with Greg Mullane at five-eighth, the positions were reversed once they took the field. Rogers said later he was happy at five-eighth, but continuance in that role depends on coach Tommy Bishop. Rogers said he would like to play five-eighth in a game where there were more opportunities. Second-rower John McLeod had an outstanding game for Wests, whose pack was solid and contained the Sorensen brothers. Paul Khan was the most dangerous Shark forward in attack. Rick Bourke was the brightest of the Cronulla backs, with Greg Mullane striving for breaks and Rogers, who scored all Cronulla's points, reliable in defence. Wests' halves Terry Lamb, who had a top game, and Alan Neil, who again went well, made a large contribution to the win. **(The Sun 23rd June 1980)**

Notes: Wests came into this game fresh after the previous weekend's matches had been washed out. Even so, Bruce Gibbs was out, replaced by Tom Arber. Jim Leis was also back in the team after touring NZ and finished with a badly cut eye. In a very physical, strong tackling match where 11 players received cautions, John McLeod and Bob Cooper were both outstanding, allowing the Wests' pack to get on top of their counterparts. Ted Goodwin and Kurt Sorensen were both sent off late; Kurt Sorensen not at all liking the bustling tactics Wests used on him all day.