



1976 Round 12 Sunday 6th June Redfern Oval



Western Suburb 27

def.

South Sydney 6

Ron GITEAU
 Don ROGERS
 Graeme O'GRADY
 Robbie PARKER
 Trevor SCARR
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Geoff SMITH
 Les BOYD
 Geoff FOSTER
 Jim MURPHY
 John DONNELLY
 John PURCELL
 Peter YOUNG

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

Greg PURCELL
 Terry FAHEY
 John BERNE
 Steve LITTLE
 Bernie LOWTHER
 Paul SAIT
 Brian SMITH
 Trevor REARDON
 Gary STEVENS (c)
 Herbie TIMMS
 John O'NEILL
 George PIGGINS
 John BURKE
 Graham WEST



Tries Trevor SCARR (2)
 Graeme O'GRADY
 Les BOYD
 Ron GITEAU

Terry FAHEY
 Bernie LOWTHER

Goals Ron GITEAU (6)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Giteau; three-quarters: T Scarr, G O'Grady, R Parker, D Rogers; five-eighth: T Raudonikis (c); half: G Smith; forwards: L Boyd, G Foster, J Murphy, J Donnelly, J Purcell, P Young

South Sydney: Full-back: G Purcell; three-quarters: B Lowther, J Berne, S Little, T Fahey; five-eighth: P Sait; half: B Smith; forwards: T Reardon, G Stevens (c), H Timms, J O'Neill, G Piggins, J Burke **Referee: G Hartley (Rugby League Week 12th June 1976)**

"Easts will have to improve a ton to get near us next Sunday," a jubilant Wests' coach Don Parish said after his side thrashed Souths 27-6 at Redfern Oval. Parish's young outfit had Souths well beaten at half-time with a shock 17-0 lead with three fine team tries. Wests were firm favourites to beat Souths, but the ease of the win was surprising. "They were easy – they should stick a few of them on the pension," strong second-rower Geoff Foster said. Souths were never in the match. Their forwards were yards behind Wests and the backs couldn't match it with a revamped Magpies' set, which had Ron Giteau at full-back, Tom Raudonikis at five-eighth, Graham O'Grady in the centre and Geoff Smith at half. The switches were brought about by the late withdrawal of full-back Wayne Smith with a back injury. Winger Trevor Scarr made the most of one of his rare opportunities in first grade with two tries and proved a worthy substitute for Russell Mullins. O'Grady and Giteau were outstanding in their new positions. Souths' half Brian Smith and winger Terry Fahey were the only locals to impress. Former Test prop John O'Neill was sent off late in the match by referee Greg Hartley and charged with misconduct. O'Neill stole the ball from Wests' lock Les Boyd, was penalized, and then hurled the ball in the direction of the referee. The Magpies big problem is getting the ball – they lost all the scrums in the second half to go down 14-7 to George Piggins. **(The Sun 7th June 1976)**

South Sydney Rugby League prop John O'Neill was charged with "misconduct and deliberately throwing the ball at the referee" after being dismissed at Redfern Oval yesterday. Referee Greg Hartley sent O'Neill off eight minutes from the end of the match, won 27-6 by Western Suburbs. O'Neill grabbed the ball from young Western Suburbs lock-forward Les Boyd and Hartley whistled a penalty. O'Neill swung around and threw the ball away. It landed near Hartley, who immediately pointed O'Neill to the dressing room. Wests did not have much to beat, but they went about their job in workmanlike manner. Souths gave the opposition plenty of chances with fumbles, disjointed play ... and the sin of not finding touch with penalty kicks. Wests' first try, by Les Boyd, resulted from a dropped ball by Souths' prop John Burke. The second was scored by full-back Ron Giteau who dragged in a ball which failed to find touch. He ran 35 metres to score. Wests did not win one of the nine second-half scrums, but still managed to add two tries. Souths won the scrums 14-7 after Wests had led 7-5 at half-time..... **(Sydney Morning Herald 7th June 1976)**

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Notes: Wayne Smith was a late withdrawal with a back injury, causing a reshuffle, with Ron Giteau going to fullback, O'Grady into the centre, Raudonikis to five-eighth, Geoff Smith into half and Trevor Scarr onto the wing in place of Russell Mullins. Ron Giteau had a blinder at full-back, scoring a great individual 40-yard try. Les Boyd had another powerhouse display and Trevor Scarr scored two tries full of pace. John O'Neill was sent off late for throwing the ball at the referee, Greg Hartley. The only problem for Wests was a 14-7 loss in the scrums.