



1977 Round 13 Sunday 19th June Redfern Oval



Western Suburbs 21

def.

South Sydney 2

Don MOSELEY
 Trevor SCARR
 Gavin MILLER
 Ron GITEAU
 Peter ROWLES
 Ken HEY
 Geoff SMITH
 Graeme O'GRADY
 Mick LIUBINSKAS
 Steve BLYTH
 Doug LUCAS
 Shane DAY (c)
 Peter YOUNG
 Bob COOPER
 Ken BOURKE

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

Steve LITTLE
 Terry FAHEY
 John BERNE
 Brian WALL
 Steve LITTLE
 Gary WRIGHT
 David SINCLAIR
 Les MARA (c)
 Trevor REARDON
 Glen PORTER
 Ian MILLER
 Ken STEWART
 Bill ANNABEL
 Richard TONGUE



Tries Ron GITEAU (3)
 Don MOSELEY
 Peter ROWLES

Goals Don MOSELEY (3) Brian WALL (1)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back: S Little; three-quarters: J Swift, J Berne, B Wall, T Fahey; five-eighth: G Wright; half: D Sinclair; forwards: L Mara (c), T Reardon, G Porter, I Miller, K Stewart, W Annabel

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Moseley; three-quarters: P Rowles, G Miller, R Giteau, T Scarr; five-eighth: K Hey; half: G Smith; forwards: G O'Grady, M Liubinskas, S Blyth, P Young, S Day (c), D Lucas **Referee: D McDonald (Rugby League Week 25th June 1977)**

Graeme O'Grady, Wests' talented utility star, carved up Souths in yesterday's Redfern Oval mud and then declared he was still in a quandary over his future. The 1977 premiership was well under way before the Magpies staved off a strong bid by Illawarra giants Wollongong Wests and secured O'Grady's name on a contract. But the Magpies have won the battle only temporarily for O'Grady, who was prominent in three of Wests' five tries in a 21-2 trouncing of Souths. "I was close to going back down the coast, and I still might next season," said O'Grady who was Illawarra player of the year in 1975. "At this stage I'm playing for the best contract I can get." O'Grady at lock, and replacement players Ron Giteau and Mick Liubinskas, admirably filled the breach left by injuries to Wests' stars. Without captain Tom Raudonikis, John Donnelly, Russell Mullins, John Dorahy and Geoff Foster, Wests, considering the dreadful conditions, played close to their best football this season. Their effort to grab a \$1,000 Wills try-scoring cheque defied belief on what has long been regarded as the worst wet-weather surface for football in Sydney. Ignoring instructions by coach Keith Holman to play tight and kick, when possible, Wests fired the ball about. Slick combinations, often involving O'Grady and Liubinskas, and finger-tip handling, brought four first-half tries and a 16-2 lead. From the opening minutes, Souths were well out of their depth and they failed to improve. Wests' full-back Don Moseley crossed in the fourth minute, Giteau scored two of his hat-trick and winger Peter Rowles another try before the interval. Souths' only points came from a 16th minute penalty goal from centre Brian Wall. **(The Sun 20th June 1977)**

Western Suburbs were without three top players for their Rugby League match against South Sydney at Redfern Oval yesterday, but they ran out easy winners, 21-2. Out injured were captain Tom Raudonikis, Russell Mullins and John Dorahy, but replacements Geoff Smith, Trevor Scarr and Ron Giteau were more than adequate. Giteau was particularly impressive. Playing in the centre, he scored three of his team's five tries to help Wests win the \$1,000 Wills try-scoring award for the round. Replacement full-back Don Moseley scored a try after only four minutes and Giteau scored the first of his tries 14 minutes later, after a Graeme O'Grady "bomb" had held up in the wind and confused everybody. Moseley converted. Brian Wall scored for Souths from a penalty and Giteau scored his second try for Wests just before half-time. Moseley converted to take Wests to a 16-2 lead. Giteau's third try came in the second half after a great run by replacement under-23 forward Bob Cooper. Moseley converted again. **(Sydney Morning Herald 20th June 1977)**

Notes: This was a remarkable performance by Wests. Played in driving rain, they threw the ball about to score five great tries. Considering that Dorahy, Raudonikis, Donnelly, Mullins and Foster were out, the replacements all played well, particularly Mick Liubinskas and Ron Giteau. The star, however, was Graeme O'Grady, who played a blinder, contributing directly to three of the tries.