1971 Round 13 Sunday 20th June Lidcombe Oval

Western Suburbs 19   def.   North Sydney 17

Western Suburbs	Position	North Sydney
Tony FORD	*Fullback*	John BOOBY
Don ROGERS	*Wing*	Frank COLLINS
Tim MURPHY	*Centre*	Kerry COLLIEN
Roy FERGUSON (c)	*Centre*	Laurie MORASCHI
Jon CLARK	*Wing*	George AMBRUM
Neville SINCLAIR	*Five-eighth*	Mal McLACHLAN
Brian WINNEY	*Half*	John FAIRNS
John BAKER	*Lock*	Bruce WALKER (c)
Kevin TIMBS	*Second Row*	Noel CAVANAGH
Barry BRYANT	*Second Row*	Peter JACQUES
George SKEERS	*Front Row*	Noel CAVANAGH
Ken STONESTREET	*Hooker*	Richie HARRIS
Tony ANTUNAC	*Front Row*	Jim MILLS
Jim CROUCHER	*Replacement*	Ross FRANKLIN

	Western Suburbs	North Sydney
Tries	Jon CLARK	Mal McLACHLAN
	Tony FORD	Jim MILLS
	Brian WINNEY	Kerry COLLIEN
Goals	Jon CLARK (5)	John BOOBY (4)

Match Description
North Sydney: Full-back: J Booby; three-quarters: F Collins, K Collien, L Moraschi, G Ambrum; five-eighth: M McLachlan; half: J Fairns; forwards: J McDonell, B Walker, P Jacques, N Cavanagh, R Harris, J Mills
Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, R Ferguson, T Murphy, J Clark; five-eighth: N Sinclair; half: B Winney; forwards: J Baker, B Bryant, K Timbs, G Skeers, K Stonestreet, A Antunac   **Referee: G Cook   (Rugby League Week 25th June 1971)**

Coach Ron Watson's chance meeting with Brian Winney during the off-season paid off handsomely when Western Suburbs Rugby League team chalked up their second win of the competition at Lidcombe yesterday. Watson talked the little half-back into coming out of retirement and a free transfer from Parramatta gave Wests a talented player. Yesterday he dictated play for the full 80 minutes against a hot and cold North Sydney line-up for Wests to run out winners 19-17. Scrappy play had the 2,521 spectators watching in bored silence until the last 10 minutes when Norths, down 12-0 at half-time, turned it on to nearly save the game. Lack of possession hindered Wests, but the alert Winney consistently "stole" or picked up Norths' many dropped passes to set up an attack.   **(The Sun 21st June 1971)**

Western Suburbs yesterday scored their second win of the Rugby League season, defeating North Sydney 19-17 at Lidcombe Oval. Wests survived a strong second-half challenge by Norths to register their first success since the opening game of the season when they defeated Canterbury. Half-back Brian Winney was Wests' star with his superb breaks from the scrum base. He set up Wests' first try which winger Jon Clark scored after 30 minutes' play, then scored himself shortly before half-time to give his side a 12-0 lead. Norths replaced hooker Richie Harris at the interval with Ross Franklin, then, with a greater share of possession in the second half, piled on the pressure. They drew level, 17-17, with 10 minutes to go. But Wests' winger Clark booted a penalty goal three minutes before full-time to clinch victory. Ironically, Franklin conceded that penalty in a scrum 20 yards out and close to the posts. Norths won the scrum 11-7. … Both sides fought hard for the winning points until the break came for Wests with a penalty. Clark landed five goals from nine attempts and scored a try. Booby kicked four goals from six attempts for Norths. **(Daily Telegraph 21st June 1971)**

… Half-back Brian Winney's impressive display inspired Wests' win. The North Sydney defence had no answer to Winney's evasion in the first half. He repeatedly slipped out of tackles and made ground up-field. Twice he turned defence into attack with sharp intercepts. Winney put Wests in a scoring mood midway through the first half when he picked up a dropped ball 15 yards inside his own half and evaded three tackles before sending winger Jon Clark in for a try. Minutes later, Winney himself scored after taking a good pass from second-rower Barry Bryant. The Magpies looked set for a convincing win against their lowly rated opposition after full-back Tony Ford made a long run to score their third try. But then Norths stormed back into the match. Led by giant prop Jim Mills and five-eighth Mal McLachlan, they levelled the score at 17-all with 10 minutes play remaining. Three minutes from full-time Wests' winger Clark kicked the winning goal from a penalty deep in Norths' territory. Before the match, Western Suburbs club made presentations to hooker Ken Stonestreet to mark his 100th first grade appearance and to Tom Raudonikis as reward for his selection in the Australian team. **(Sydney Morning Herald 21st June 1971)**

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Notes: Tom Raudonikis was rested for this match after being selected in the Australian team to play NZ. Tony Ford was back at full-back and scored a great try. In their first win after 11 straight losses, Brian Winney was the best player on the field. Wests led 12-0 at half-time and survived a Norths' comeback to celebrate Ken Stonestreet's 100th First Grade game.