



# 1974 Round 13 Sunday 23rd June North Sydney Oval



## Western Suburbs 13

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## North Sydney 3

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

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

Derek MORITZ  
 Paul HOPE  
 Mal McLACHLIN  
 Keith HARRIS  
 Bruce WARWICK  
 Tim PICKUP (c)  
 Keith OUTTEN  
 Rex MURPHY  
 Eddie HEATLEY  
 Roger LAVIS  
 Brian ANDERSON  
 Henry NORTHEY  
 Mick HEALEY  
 George VARELA  
 Grahame FORLONGE



**Tries** John DORAHY  
 John ELFORD  
 Tom RAUDONIKIS

Tim PICKUP

**Goals** John DORAHY (2)

### Match Description

**North Sydney:** Full-back: D Moritz; three-quarters: P Hope, M McLachlin, K Harris, B Warwick; five-eighth: T Pickup (c); half: K Outten; forwards: R Murphy, E Heatley, R Lavis, B Anderson, H Northey, M Healey

**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, G Foster, P Hundy, J Purcell, M Liubinskas **Referee: G Hartley (Rugby League Week 29th June 1974)**

Western Suburbs' two "rookie" props Pat Hundy and Mick Liubinskas yesterday clinched contracts with English clubs after rousing displays against North Sydney at North Sydney Oval. Hundy and Liubinskas, both lanky types of the Kel O'Shea mould, were the two hardest-working on the field in Wests' 13-3 win. They are keen to learn the rudiments of attacking prop-forward play and feel a season in English club football is the solution. Another of Wests' promising young props, Steve Rigney, will accompany them to England. Several English clubs are anxious to trial the Wests' props as there is a dearth of props in English football. They gave a full-blooded 80 minutes performance yesterday and enabled Wests to gradually wear down Norths in the second half. One of the two youngsters will be relegated to reserve grade within the next five weeks. Wests' doctor yesterday cleared international prop Jim Murphy to make a comeback to football at the end of July. It was thought Murphy would not play again this season when he suffered a broken jaw during the opening rounds of the premiership. Norths led 3-0 until the 56th minute of the game and appeared to have Wests' measure. A black and white dog cost Wests the lead in the 21st minute. Wests' powerfully built centre Stephen Knight was charging the Norths' line with support on the outside when the dog raced under his legs. Knight tumbled to the ground as the dog let out a yelp. In the very next minute Norths opened the scoring when five-eighth Tim Pickup stole the ball from Russell Worth and raced 60 metres to cross. Wests grabbed the lead when captain Tommy Raudonikis crashed his way through a wall of Norths' forwards from the dummy half position. Raudonikis sparked a spirited Wests' revival which featured full-back John Dorahy. (**Daily Telegraph 24th June 1974**)

While ever Test half-back Tom Raudonikis can pull on a jumper, Western Suburbs are capable of beating any team apart from Easts and Manly. ... Further encouraging news was that prop Jim Murphy, who suffered a broken jaw early in the season and hooker Shane Day will be back in four weeks. Norths looked the winner when they led 3-0 well into the second half, but Wests, with Raudonikis doing a lion's share of the work, never gave up chasing and tackling. Raudonikis (who else?) put them into the lead by burrowing over from the dummy half for a converted try by the posts 17 minutes after half-time. .... Wests should have had another try in the first half when Stephen Knight fell over a small black dog just as he was sprinting into the clear. There were far too many errors from both teams to make it a memorable match. Norths' coach Noel Kelly said sadly, "We lack attacking players." (**The Sun 24th June 1974**)

**Notes:** Wests continued on their winning way but it was a hard-fought victory. Wests were behind until the 58th minute when Tom Raudonikis stamped his class on the game and scored a deceptive try. Warren Snodgrass was a late withdrawal, replaced by Geoff Foster. John Dorahy was again outstanding, his reputation growing with each game. The match was memorable for an incident with Stephen Knight who, as charging in for a try, was knocked over by a stray black and white dog! He later quipped it was one of the best tackles he'd ever received. Wests now had to back up on the Tuesday against Balmain in the postponed match from 16th June.