



# 1979 Round 14 Sunday 24th June Sports Ground



## Eastern Suburbs 9

def.

## Western Suburbs 4

Greg FELTIS  
 Steve McFARLANE  
 Mark HARRIS  
 Gavin MILLER  
 Kerry BOUSTEAD  
 Russell FAIRFAX  
 Kevin HASTINGS  
 John MACKAY  
 John HARVEY  
 Gary METCALFE  
 Michael MOSMAN  
 Mal CONNOR  
 Bob O'REILLY (c)  
 Arthur MOUNTIER

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

Wayne SMITH  
 Buddy CAIN  
 Mark BEAVEN  
 Ron BRODRICK  
 Warren BOLAND  
 Don MOSELEY  
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
 Graeme O'GRADY  
 Les BOYD  
 Bob COOPER  
 John DONNELLY  
 Ray BROWN  
 Bruce GIBBS



**Tries** John HARVEY

**Goals** Russell FAIRFAX (3)

Don MOSELEY (2)

### Match Description

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: G Feltis; three-quarters: S McFarlane, M Harris, G Miller, K Boustead; five-eighth: R Fairfax; half: K Hastings; forwards: J Mackay, G Metcalfe, J Harvey, M Mosman, M Connor, R O'Reilly (c)

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: E Cain, M Beavan, R Brodrick, W Boland; five-eighth: D Moseley; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: G O'Grady, L Boyd, R Cooper, J Donnelly, R Brown, B Gibbs **Referee: G Cook (Rugby League Week 28th June 1979)**

Heartbreak team Eastern Suburbs yesterday took on rugby league competition leaders Wests at their own bruising game – and beat them. Easts sank the leaders 9-4 at Sydney Sports Ground on the back of a try by second-rower John Harvey which came from a freakish reflex catch. Harvey brilliantly caught an attempted chip-kick through by Wests' five-eighth Don Moseley, and bolted 30 metres for his surprise try. That try, backed by tough full-blooded defence in mid-field, gave Easts one of their best football days in a disappointing year. The Roosters generally have been on the slide since winning the Wills pre-season final in March – and have been a bitter disappointment to their fans. Yesterday, their unrelenting defence and determination gave a glimpse of what might have been. It was a match with plenty of incidents. Easts' young fullback Greg Feltis sported a wicked-looking bite mark on his chest – the result of a first half incident. Les Boyd went within a centimetre or two of saving the match, six minutes from the end. Boyd believed he had scored a fair try as he crashed his way to the line, through a cluster of Easts' defenders. He claimed he plonked the ball right down on the line – and it was then punched away by an Easts' player. Easts' players afterwards were just as adamant he had been fractionally short. Referee Gary Cook, perfectly positioned, said "no-try." Wests' players claimed that a second-half kick by Don Moseley had been a fair goal – although waved away by both touch judges, Clement and Kelly. There was no shortage of drama as Wests fell to only their fourth defeat in 14 games – and left the way clear for St George to take charge on top on their own. But despite the dash of controversy, Easts deserved to win. They caught Wests on a slightly "flat" day and without John Dorahy – a late withdrawal with an eye problem – made the most of it. Coach Bob Fulton figured his team could match it with Wests physically – and decided to fight fire with fire. Easts' forwards, led by Bob O'Reilly, did their job splendidly, matching it all the way with a Wests' pack who can out-muscle most opposing forward line-ups. Busy halves Hastings and Fairfax tidied up anything the forwards missed. Try-scoring chances and clean breaks were rare, although Mark Harris thrilled Easts' supporters a couple of times when he hared on to brilliant passes from Fairfax and broke into the clear. Easts' youngsters Feltis (full-back) and Steve McFarlane (wing) impressed, and the elusive running of Wayne Smith was a bright spot for Wests. **(Daily Telegraph 25th June 1979)**

**Notes:** This was a ferocious forward clash for the full eighty minutes. There were a number of disputes and Wests complained long and hard. Don Moseley kicked a penalty goal that was disallowed against the strong protests of Wests' players. Late in the match, Les Boyd was adamant he also scored a try that was disallowed. John Dorahy was a late withdrawal, replaced by Ron Brodrick. For Wests, Wayne Smith had a very strong game.