



1970 Round 14 Sunday 28th June Belmore Sports Ground



Canterbury 13

def.

Western Suburbs 4

Peter INSKIP
 Wayne PECKHAM
 terry MURPHY
 Ray STRUDWICK
 John RHODES
 Les PERRY
 Terry REYNOLDS
 Ron RAPER (c)
 Nev HORNER
 Ron COSTELLO
 Dennis MANTEIT
 Bill NOONAN
 Merv HICKS

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

Peter FLANDERS
 Don ROGERS
 Roy FERGUSON (c)
 Tim MURPHY
 John ELFORD
 Tom RAUDONIKIS
 John MAXWELL
 Rod SMITH
 John BAKER
 Barry BRYANT
 John ARMSTRONG
 Ken STONESTREET
 Jim CODY



Tries Merv HICKS (2)
 Terry MURPHY

Goals Peter INSKIP (2)

Peter FLANDERS (1)
 Ken STONESTREET (1) Field goal

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: P Inskip; three-quarters: R Strudwick, W Peckham, T Murphy, J Rhodes; five-eighth: L Perry; half: T Reynolds; forwards: R Raper (c), N Horner, R Costello, D Manteit, W Noonan, M Hicks

Western Suburbs: Full-back: P Flanders; three-quarters: D Rogers, R Ferguson (c), T Murphy, J Elford; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: J Maxwell; forwards: R Smith, J Baker, B Bryant, J Armstrong, K Stonestreet, J Cody **Referee: A Neville (Rugby League Week 4th July 1970)**

West's second-rower Barry Bryant was the unlucky player at Belmore yesterday in the match in which his team went down to Canterbury, 13-4. Bryant was sent off the field after 35 minutes in the first half with Wests leading 2-0. There had been a lot of feeling among the players up to that stage. Wests' supporters declared Bryant was the scapegoat, the man who ran into trouble at a time when drastic action was needed to prevent the game getting out of hand. Certainly Bryant's crime didn't appear as bad as several others which had gone unpunished earlier. Neville wouldn't have been criticised if he'd acted in the first 10 minutes when two opposing forwards started kissing each other – in the Liverpool manner. Bryant said it was the first time he had been sent off since he began playing with Wests. "It's been six years and I wanted to keep the record clean," he said. Referee Neville booked Bryant for punching, but Bryant said he'd been kicked in the incident which followed Tom Raudonikis' tackling of Canterbury Captain Ron Raper on the Canterbury 25. Play went along more peacefully in the second half, Canterbury coach Kevin Ryan helping at half-time by lecturing his men on the advantages of keeping on the right side of the law. Canterbury didn't get to the lead until after Wests had lost Bryant, but Wests were ahead 4-3 soon after the start of the second half when hooker Ken Stonestreet surprisingly landed a field goal. They fought back well and might have made it more interesting had not Flanders missed three easy shots at goal. The crowd of 12,759 wasn't as big as Canterbury expected for what was billed as the "Terry Reynolds spectacular." Reynolds' hairband remained in place all day despite the early efforts of a big Wests' forward to shift it. Perhaps Reynolds tried too hard, but it wasn't one of his best days. Just the same, he got a big ovation from the children at the finish and it was some time before they allowed him to leave the ground. **(The Sun 29th June 1970)**

... Canterbury were hard-pressed to hold off Wests. They clinched their win late in the second-half when front-rower Merv Hicks crashed over for two tries in eight minutes. Wests showed their most fiery form of the season and matched Canterbury's highly-rated pack. Front-rowers John Armstrong and Jim Cody were the pick of the forwards. Wests' forwards only lapse was when Hicks crashed over from close to the line. Wests excelled in defence, but their attack had little variation. They went close to scoring several times but always as a result of an individual effort rather than a team move. Full-back Peter Flanders had a good game. He invariably beat the first line of defence with classy side-stepping. But Flanders was astray with his kicking, landing only one goal from four attempts. Hooker Ken Stonestreet contributed Wests' other points with a field goal. ... Wests' coach Ron Watson said he was satisfied with his team's effort. Canterbury coach Kevin Ryan said he was satisfied with half-back Terry Reynolds' head band. Reynolds wore the head band to keep his long hair in place as a compromise after Ryan had threatened to drop him from the team. **(Daily Telegraph 29th June 1970)**

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Notes: Terry Reynolds was involved in a surprising controversy when he had been dropped for refusing to get a haircut but eventually played with a head-band. The Wests' forward pack was completely out-played in a disappointing loss. Barry Bryant was sent off for fighting but was considered unlucky, as he actually came in to break up a fight. Ken Stonestreet, unusually, kicked a field goal. Overall it was an heroic effort by Wests with 12 men; only losing very late in the second half. Peter Flanders had a very high class attacking game. It was, however, a very fiery game with Jim Cody right in the thick of it.