



1974 Round 14 Sunday 30th June Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 14

def.

Parramatta 8

John DORAHY
 Stephen SATTERLY
 Stephen KNIGHT
 Ron GITEAU
 Russell MULLINS
 Russell WORTH
 Geoff SMITH
 Jim MYERS
 John ELFORD (c)
 Warren SNODGRASS
 Pat HUNDY
 John PURCELL
 Mick LIUBINSKAS
 Geoff FOSTER

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

Eddie SULKOWICZ
 Mal McMARTIN
 John MORAN
 Denis PITTARD (c)
 Ron GRAHAM
 Kevin HOGAN
 John KOLC
 John BAKER
 Robert JAY
 Geoff GERARD
 Tony CHARLTON
 John McMARTIN
 Denis FITZGERALD
 Ted SULKOWICZ



Tries Russell MULLINS
 Stephen SATTERLY

Kevin HOGAN
 Geoff GERARD

Goals John DORAHY (4)

Eddie SULKOWICZ (1)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: E Sulkowicz; three-quarters: M McMartin, J Moran, D Pittard, R Graham (c); five-eighth: K Hogan; half: J Kolc; forwards: J Baker, R Jay, G Gerard, T Charlton, K McMartin, D Fitzgerald

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: S Satterly, S Knight, R Giteau, R Mullins; five-eighth: R Worth; half: G Smith; forwards: J Myers, J Elford (c), W Snodgrass, P Hundy, J Purcell, M Liubinskas **Referee: D McDonald (Rugby League Week 6th July 1974)**

Parramatta's captain Denis Pittard blasted referee Don McDonald after his side had been beaten 14-8 by Western Suburbs at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. "He cost us whatever chance we had and spoiled the game for spectators. It was without doubt the worst refereeing display I've played under," Pittard said. Pittard was fuming after the caning McDonald gave his side in the penalties. Wests received 14 penalties to Parramatta's three. But despite Pittard's attack on the referee, Parramatta have only their lack of imagination in attack to blame for their defeat. Hooker John McMartin won the scrums 16-7 over John Purcell but Parramatta's backline failed to take advantage and were completely blotted out of the game by the crash-tackling of centres Stephen Knight and Ron Giteau. Parramatta looked likely to storm to an easy victory when they led 8-2 after 20 minutes but Wests fought back and after a try by Russell Mullins and four goals by John Dorahy led 11-8 at half-time. The only score in the second half was a try in the corner by Steve Satterly after the fullback Dorahy had drawn the defence and sent a perfect pass to the unmarked Satterly. The star of Wests' victory was their full-back John Dorahy, who again displayed flashes of brilliance in attack but his defence is still a little suspect. **(The Sun 1st July 1974)**

Western Suburbs scored a well-deserved 14-8 win over Parramatta at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Wests overcame a 19-8 scrum disadvantage with former Rugby Union International Stephen Knight superb in Wests' backline. The big centre frequently broke up Parramatta's attacks and his powerful running pierced holes in the Parramatta defence. Both sides scored two tries but Wests' enterprising full-back John Dorahy gave his team the lead by landing four goals from six attempts. Dorahy, from Wollongong and a former Country representative full-back, showed splendid form, frequently linking up with his backline in attack and defending stoutly. Parramatta raced to an 8-2 lead after 18 minutes from tries by second-rower Geoff Gerard and five-eighth Kevin Hogan with full-back Eddie Sulkowicz landing a goal. Wests tightened their game and went off at half-time holding an 11-8 advantage after Knight sent winger Russell Mullins over for a try five minutes before the break. Dorahy landed his four goals during the first session. The only score in the second half came in the 20th minute when Dorahy joined a backline raid to give his winger Steve Satterly an overlap and the flankman touched down in the corner. **(Daily Telegraph 1st July 1974)**

Notes: Tom Raudonikis was out again on Test duties and was replaced by Geoff Smith. Ron Giteau debuted in the centres for the injured Robbie Parker. Down 8-2 early, Wests fought back to lead 11-8 at half-time and although Parramatta had a glut of possession in the second half Wests tackled strongly and scored the only try of the half. They lost the scrums heavily but won the penalties 14-3, much to the disgust of Parramatta Captain, Denis Pittard. Dorahy was a bit hot and cold but ended up being the match-winner, while Stephen Knight was a colossus in the centres, especially in the tense second half.