



1971 Round 15 Saturday 3rd July Redfern Oval



South Sydney 35

def.

Western Suburbs 17

Eric SIMMS
 Keith EDWARDS
 Phil SMITH
 Bob HONAN
 Ray BRANIGHAN
 Dennis PITTARD
 Bob GRANT
 Ron COOTE
 Paul SAIT
 Bob McCARTHY
 Gordon FRASER
 Elwyn WALTERS
 John SATTLER (c)

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

Tony FORD
 Don ROGERS
 Tim MURPHY
 Derek BROUWER
 Mick ALCHIN
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Brian WINNEY
 Rod SMITH
 Barry BRYANT
 Tony ANTUNAC
 Russell JOHNSTONE
 Ken STONESTREET
 Barry BOSS
 Kevin TIMBS
 Roy FERGUSON



Tries

Bob McCARTHY (2)
 Ray BRANIGHAN
 Ron COOTE
 Bob GRANT
 John SATTLER
 Phil SMITH

Tony FORD
 Ken STONESTREET
 Brian WINNEY

Goals

Eric SIMMS (7)

Tony FORD (4)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back: E Simms; three-quarters: K Edwards, P Smith, R Honan, R Branighan; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: R Grant; forwards: R Coote, P Sait, R McCarthy, G Fraser, E Walters, J Sattler (c)

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, T Murphy, D Brouwer, M Alchin; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: B Winney; forwards: R Smith, B Bryant, A Antunac, R Johnstone, K Stonestreet, B Boss **Referee: G Cook (The Sun 3rd July 1971)**

South Sydney won the football and Western Suburbs took the fighting count at Redfern Oval yesterday. Playing well below top form, and their attack blotted with repeated handling blunders, Souths won 35-17. In a game marred by frequent flare-ups, referee George Cook handed out 16 cautions, including 12 to six Wests players. Wests' winger Mick Alchin was the main "villain", receiving three cautions. Rod Smith, Barry Bryant, Tony Antunac and Russell Johnstone received two each. Souths, who cleared to the premiership lead with the win, scored seven tries, including three off Wests' mistakes, to three by the competition tail-enders. ... Wests' hooker Ken Stonestreet, acting as dummy-half, raced to the blind side near Souths' line and was pushed over by his team mates to score the first try after seven minutes. Full-back Tony Ford kicked a 45-yard penalty three minutes later. A disallowed touchdown by winger Keith Edwards after 14 minutes spurred Souths into action. Referee Cook ruled forward the pass to Edwards from skipper John Sattler. A minute after the incident Souths won a scrum 20 yards from Wests' line. Half-back Bobby Grant raced to the open side and drew the defence before passing to centre Phil Smith who sent lock Ron Coote in under the posts. Eric Simms converted. ... Wests hit back with a penalty goal by Ford three minutes later. Seven minutes before half-time Souths put the damper on Wests and were not headed again. Grant used a low kick, and when his opposing half Brian Winney failed to gather behind the tryline, Grant pounced on the ball beside the goalposts. Simms converted, for Souths to lead 12-7. Simms, playing his second game since returning after a broken collarbone, sounded a warning he is in line to become the season's highest point scorer for the fifth successive year. He booted seven goals from 10 attempts to lift his points this season to 109, just 11 behind top scorer so far, Parramatta's Keith Campbell. Lively five-eighth Dennis Pittard, second-rower Bobby McCarthy, centre Smith and prop-forward Sattler stood out for Souths. Sattler turned in one of his best games of the season. **(Sunday Mirror 4th July 1971)**

...Souths played well within themselves, being content to "go through the motions" late in the second half..... Tour team-mates winger Ray Branighan, front-rower John Sattler, half-back Bob Grant and Bobby McCarthy, scored tries. McCarthy scored two. Referee Gary Cook was busy throughout the match issuing cautions. Cook issued 14 cautions to 10 players. The cautions were mostly the result of slight flare-ups as players became frustrated from the frequent breakdowns in play. A total of 39 penalties was awarded – almost one every two minutes. **(Sunday Telegraph 4th July 1971)**

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Notes: Rod Smith was back from injury and Barry Boss made his run-on debut. In a very fiery match, 16 cautions were issued, including three for Mick Alchin. Wests, as they had for much of the season, led early but then succumbed to Souths' class. It was 7-all, 10 minutes before half-time until a Winney fumble led to a Bob Grant try. Souths went to the competition lead after this win.