



1969 Round 15 Saturday 5th July Redfern Oval



South Sydney 16

def.

Western Suburbs 9

Eric SIMMS
 Mike CLEARY
 Bob HONAN
 Arthur BRANIGAN
 Brian JAMES
 Dennis PITTARD
 Bob GRANT
 Ron COOTE
 Bob MOSES
 Bob McCARTHY
 John O'NEILL
 Elwyn WALTERS
 John SATTTLER (c)

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

Gary GUNTON
 Peter FLANDERS
 Roy FERGUSON
 Dick PICKETT
 Don ROGERS
 Barry GLASGOW
 John MAXWELL
 John BAKER
 Jim CODY
 Barry BRYANT
 Steve WINTER
 Ken STONESTREET
 Noel KELLY (c)
 John HAYES
 John ARMSTRONG



Tries Bob HONAN
 Bob McCARTHY

Peter FLANDERS

Goals Eric SIMMS (5)

Barry GLASGOW (3)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back: E Simms; three-quarters: R Honan, J Lisle, A Branighan (c), M Cleary; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: I Jones; forwards: P Sait, R Coote, R Moses, J Sattler (c), E Walters, J O'Neill

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: M Alchin, R Ferguson, D Barsley (c), J Kearns; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: B Beer; forwards: J Cody, B Bryant, J Armstrong, S Winter, K Stonestreet, A Allison **Referee: A Neville (The Sun 5th July 1968)**

..... Ron Coote, Souths' lock, was the man who broke Wests' hearts in the dying stages. Twice he scampered through from scrums inside his own half to set up Souths' only two touchdowns. Wests disputed Souths' second try but it was a hairline decision and Souths were leading 11-9 at the time and probably would have won anyway. "Wests played well. We were lucky," a relieved Clive Churchill, Souths coach, said after the match. ... Wests took the field with a depleted line-up as Tony Ford, Tim Murphy and Doug Walkaden were out injured and Souths were a raging hot favourite. ... Barry Glasgow, Wests' five-eighth landed a penalty goal and then Peter Flanders, Wests' winger, raced 45 yards for a converted try after being sent through by John Baker to give Wests its half-time advantage. With the major share of possession in the second half Souths still could not break the rugged Wests' defence until those last fateful 10 minutes. ... Wests led 9-6 from the 21st minute when Glasgow landed a neat penalty and Souths were becoming desperate. But then came Coote's two runs and two converted tries and the final hooter sounded with Souths the victors. Barry Bryant, Wests' second-rower, was the best player on the field with his probing runs always a worry while his defence left little to be desired. Jim Cody, his second-row partner, also played well with his defence a feature. ... **(Sunday Mirror 6th July 1969)**

Rugby League premiers South Sydney yesterday scored two converted tries in the final nine minutes to defeat a plucky Western Suburbs team 16-9 at Redfern Oval. Wests, ahead 7-4 at half-time and 9-6 with nine minutes to go, gave Souths the fright of their lives. The Magpies looked set to pull off one of the surprises of the season until second-rower Bobby McCarthy and centre Bob Honan touched down for tries close to the posts. And Wests officials said after the match Honan's try should have been disallowed. .. Wests' hooker Ken Stonestreet, for the first time this season, was beaten in the scrums. Souths international rake Elwyn Walters out-hooked Stonestreet 17-12. Stonestreet won only four second-half scrums but Western Suburbs defence almost held. Souths looked like scoring only once before McCarthy scored the first of his team's tries. That was 28 minutes into the first half when Wests' five-eighth Barry Glasgow dragged McCarthy down only a few yards from the line. For most of the game Souths looked far from a premiership-winning team. A half-time "roasting" from Clive Churchill spurred Souths into action but the break was a long time coming. Two penalty goals by full-back Eric Simms saw Souths take a 4-0 lead after 15 minutes. However, Wests hit the front six minutes from half-time with the first try of the match. Winger Peter Flanders raced over wide out after taking a pass from lock John Baker. Flanders just managed to escape the clutches of South Sydney half Bob Grant in his 40 yards dash to the line. Glasgow converted with a magnificent kick and Wests led 7-4. Souths' winger Mike Cleary, playing his first game since returning from New Zealand had few opportunities. Souths hit the front for the first time in 37 minutes' football when McCarthy scooted over between the posts. Then came Honan's try four minutes from the finish and the premiers had scrambled home. A towering field goal attempt from near half-way by Eric Simms dropped just under the bar in the dying minutes. **(Sunday Telegraph 6th July 1969)**

Notes: Wests, with Tony Ford, Tim Murphy and Doug Walkaden out, fielded a makeshift team and gave Souths the fright of their lives. When Peter Flanders scored a great 40-yard try, with a magnificent conversion by Barry Glasgow, Wests took the lead and looked right in the match. It wasn't until Bob Honan's try four minutes from the finish that Wests finally succumbed. Barry Bryant was the best player on the field.