## 1970 Round 15 Sunday 5th July Lidcombe Oval

## Eastern Suburbs 9

Jim PORTER



Western Suburbs 25

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

def.

**Fullback** Allan McKEAN Jim PORTER John BRASS (c) Mark HARRIS **BILL MULLINS** John PEARD Johnny MAYES John QUAYLE Laurie FREIER Louis NEUMANN Jim MORGAN Peter MOSCATT Jim HALL Replacement Ian BAKER

John MAXWELL (2) Tries

Don ROGERS Jim CODY John BAKER

**Kevin TIMBS** 

Jim CODY

John ARMSTRONG

Ken STONESTREET

Peter FLANDERS (4) Allan McKEAN (3) Goals

Ken STONESTREET (1) Field goal

## **Match Description**

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: A McKean; three-quarters: J Porter, J Brass (c), M Harris, W Mullins; five-eighth: J Peard; half: J Mayes; forwards: J Quayle, L Freier, L Neumann, J Morgan, P Moscatt, J Hall

Western Suburbs: Full-back: P Flanders; three-quarters: D Rogers, R Ferguson (c), T Murphy, J Elford; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: J Maxwell; Referee: K Page (Rugby League Week 11th July 1970) forwards: R Smith, J Baker, K Timbs, J Armstrong, K Stonestreet, J Cody

Western Suburbs forwards at Lidcombe Oval yesterday paved the way for a 25-9 win over Rugby League semi-final candidates Eastern Suburbs. Wests' pack overwhelmed their rivals during the second half. Easts raced to a 7-0 lead after 28 minutes, but Wests fought back to trail 7-5 at half-time. "I asked them to go there and win this one if they were ever going to win one," Wests' coach Ron Watson said. "They played well in the second half. The forwards stood up and played football." Poor goal-kicking cost Wests an even greater winning margin. Fullback Peter Flanders landed only four goals from nine attempts and prop John Armstrong was astray with his one attempt. Wests scored five tries to one. Prop Jim Cody scored the final try one minute after full-time. Referee Keith Page asked club officials for the correct time, then signalled full-time after Flanders converted the try. Easts' officials did not dispute the final try after the match. "They were far too good for us," Easts' coach Don Furner said. Easts had full-back Alan McKean, centre John Brass and prop Jim Morgan backing up from the third Test. Morgan took little part in the game during the first half, and was replaced by Ian Baker after the interval. ... Wests' half John Maxwell brought off two tries in a non-stop performance. His first 36 minutes into the first half, brought his team back into the picture after Easts had established their 7-0 lead against the run of play. Five-eighth Tom Raudonikis cut through Easts' defence on the half-way line to initiate the best try of the game. Winger Don Rogers backed up and beat tackles by Porter, Mayes and McKean in a run down the sideline, then raced in to score under the posts. Further tries by Maxwell and second-rower John Baker, with Cody's extra time try, sealed the win. Maxwell, Flanders, Cody and Baker were the pick of Wests' team. For Easts, Peard, Harris, half John Mayes and prop Jim Hall played well. (Daily Telegraph 6th July 1970)

...... Yesterday, the Wests' pack took charge of the situation from the very ordinary and inexperienced Easts' pack and the backs did the rest. And with the blond-haired halves, John Maxwell and Tom Raudonikis, dictating play and Peter Flanders playing fine football from full-back, Wests were home and hosed. A comment by Easts' coach Don Furner after the game summed up Easts well. "Until the forwards gain respect from the opposition, Easts will never really be a top side," he said. "Souths have that respect and Manly have worked hard in recent years to gain theirs. It might take a couple of years, but at present they don't have the respect of other teams." Morgan played yesterday on an injured ankle because former State prop John Walker pulled out at the last minute with influenza. Ian Baker, normally a second-rower, came on as prop replacement in the second half. Young John Mayes is a fine young half-back and it is a pity he did not have much help around him. Easts still won the scrums 15-13, with scrum penalties favouring Wests 7-3 and ordinary penalties two-all. (Sydney Morning Herald 6th July 1970)

Notes: Wests scored five tries to one but Peter Flanders only kicked 4 from 9 goals. The Wests' pack finally fired and got completely on top of the Easts' six. John Maxwell had a blinder, scoring two great tries but also setting the backs going all day. Don Rogers' try was a 75-yard beauty. Jim Cody continued his strong form while Kevin Timbs came in for the suspended Bryant.

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