



## 1974 Round 16 Sunday 14th July Lidcombe Oval



### Western Suburbs 22

def.

### St George 14

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

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

Graeme LANGLANDS (c)  
 John CHAPMAN  
 Billy SMITH  
 Ted GOODWIN  
 Paul MILLS  
 Barry HULBERT  
 Brian SMITH  
 Graeme SAMS  
 Bruce STARKEY  
 Rod REDDY  
 Russell COX  
 Col RASMUSSEN  
 Gary SOUTER  
 Denis CORRIGAN  
 Illiesa TOGA



**Tries** Stephen SATTERLY  
 Tom RAUDONIKIS  
 Stephen KNIGHT  
 Ron GITEAU

Paul MILLS (2)

**Goals** John DORAHY (5)

Barry HULBERT (3)  
 Graeme LANGLANDS (1)

#### Match Description

**St George:** Full-back: G Langlands (c); three-quarters: J Chapman, T Goodwin, W Smith, P Mills; five-eighth: B Hulbert; half: B Smith; forwards: G Sams, B Starkey, R Reddy, G Souter, C Rasmussen, R Cox

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: S Satterly, S Knight, R Giteau, R Mullins; five-eighth: R Worth; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: J Myers, J Elford, G Foster, P Hundy, J Purcell, M Liubinskas

**Referee: G Cook (Rugby League Week 20th July 1974)**

West's must make the semis if they hold yesterday's bustling form which gave them a 22-14 win over Saints at Lidcombe. West's came through the hard game unscathed and ready for next Sunday's clash with Newtown at Henson Park. The Magpies were well led by Tommy Raudonikis yesterday but owed their win more to team work than individual brilliance. Saints did not look scoring a try off their own efforts against a swarming defence. Winger Paul Mills landed the two Dragon tries by gathering long Magpie passes which went astray after West's looked like scoring when well inside Saints' 25. Barry Hulbert converted both Mills' tries so that without them it would have been a real hiding for Saints. Graeme Langlands was below his best form early and possibly was being troubled by his old rib injury even before he suffered a bruised thigh. With 10 minutes to go and the match long since gone, Langlands limped off, to be replaced by forward Denis Corrigan, with Ted Goodwin going to full-back. John Dorahy played well at full-back for West's and several of his five goals were good efforts. West's now need a win over Newtown to consolidate a place in the five and to build up their Cricket Ground game against East's two rounds hence. **(The Sun 15th July 1974)**

Livewire Western Suburbs yesterday grabbed a fingertip hold on the rugby League final five at the expense of long-time rivals St George. West's sneaked into equal fifth spot on the strength of their 22-14 win over Saints at Lidcombe Oval. For St George, the loss, before 11,986 spectators, almost certainly marked the end of an era. Unless a miracle happens the Saints – after 23 successive years in the semi-finals – won't make it this year. They are now three points behind the fifth teams – and just don't have the players any more to pick themselves up from there. ... Yesterday the young West's team had a real final five look about them as they dealt most effectively with Saints. They scored four tries to two – and both Saints' touchdowns came against the run of play. The win brought a special smile to the face of West's coach Don Parish. Parish still remembers too well the beatings the top-class West's teams of the early 'sixties used to take from the St George "invincibles". Yesterday, West's combination of big, youthful forwards and snappy backs was far too much for St George to handle. West's outplayed Saints in the forwards – where the youngsters Hundy, Liubinskas and Myers again had big days. All the tries were good ones, featuring slick passes and strong, straight running. In contrast, ... **(Daily Telegraph 15th July 1974)**

**Notes:** This had a very torrid first half clash where West's young forwards, led by Hundy, Myers and Liubinskas, gradually got on top of the St George pack. This allowed Raudonikis and Dorahy to again have very dominant games. West's were always in control and also tackled well. Both of St George's tries were scored off dropped passes. Russell Worth also had his best game so far for West's. Don Parish didn't really have any sympathy for the fact that the loss meant St George would miss the semi-finals for the first time in 23 years.