



## 1972 Round 17 Sunday 16th July Lidcombe Oval



### Cronulla 25

Chris WELLMAN  
Ray CORCORAN  
Paul TAYLOR  
Bob WEAR  
Dave COTTER  
Barry ANDREWS  
Fred DENNEHY  
Maurie RAPER  
Ken MADDISON  
John MAGUIRE  
Greg ALLEN  
Ron TURNER  
Cliff WATSON (c)

def.

### Western Suburbs 7

Tony FORD  
Don ROGERS  
John HEYWARD  
Wayne MERRY  
Russell MULLINS  
John GLACHAN  
Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
Rod SMITH  
John BAKER  
John ELFORD  
Steve WINTER  
Ken STONESTREET  
John WALKER



#### Tries

Chris WELLMAN  
Cliff WATSON  
Ken MADDISON

John WALKER

#### Goals

Barry ANDREWS (8)

Tony FORD (2)

#### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, J Heyward, W Merry, R Mullins; five-eighth: J Glachan (c); half; T Raudonikis (c); forwards: R Smith, J Baker, S Winter, K Stonestreet, J Walker

**Cronulla-Sutherland:** Full-back: C Wellman; three-quarters: R Corcoran, P Taylor, R Wear, D Cotter; five-eighth: B Andrews; half: F Dennehy; forwards: M Raper, J Maguire, K Maddison, G Allen, R Tuner, C Watson (c)     **Referee: D McDonald (The Sun 14th July 1972)**

If Tommy Bishop was returning to football next weekend, he wouldn't get his No 7 Sharks jersey from local product Freddie Dennehy. Dennehy outplayed Test half Tommy Raudonikis to spearhead Cronulla to an easy 25-7 win over Wests at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. A Cronulla garbo, the 26-year-old Dennehy had his finest match for the Sharks, playing big parts in his team's three tries. Dennehy has played more than 100 games in all grades for Cronulla, but none anywhere as brilliant as his effort yesterday. Coach Tommy Bishop paid him a high tribute when he jokingly said after the game, he would have to look for a new position. Another Cronulla star was goal-kicking five-eighth Barry Andrews who boosted his season's tally to 115, with eight towering goals from 10 attempts. Andrews appreciated the tall Lidcombe uprights with his amazingly high kicks. He landed his last seven goals in succession. Cronulla hit the lead in the 32nd minute of the first half and never looked in any real danger of losing it. Dennehy sprinted 45 yards down the touchline before being tackled short of the Wests' line where big Cliff Watson burst onto the ball like a runaway tank to crash over near the posts. Wests had their brightest patch in the five minutes before half-time when lock Rod Smith and centre John Heyward both nearly scored. Another Andrews' goal kicked Cronulla to a 9-4 lead after the break, but Wests hit back when Raudonikis sent Walker across for a try wide out. That ended Wests' scoring, with Dennehy making sparkling runs to send second-rower Ken Maddison and full-back Chris Wellman over for tries. **(The Sun 17th July 1972)**

Nuggety Cronulla five-eighth Barry Andrews yesterday "kicked" the life out of Western Suburbs' Rugby League effort at Lidcombe Oval. Andrews landed eight goals from nine attempts in Cronulla's 25-7 win. Continuing the form they showed in defeating premiers South Sydney in the previous round, Cronulla gave Wests no chance. Dominating play in the backs and forwards, Cronulla easily checked Wests' feeble attempts. Wests have lost six of their last seven games. They have fallen back into the playing pattern that had kept them at the bottom of the premiership table last year. Test men Tom Raudonikis and John Elford did their best to lift Wests. But they found yesterday's drop in standard too much after playing for Australia on Saturday. Andrews, half Fred Dennehy, and full-back Chris Wellman did best for Cronulla. Andrews, having his second season in first grade, established himself as one of the best kickers in the premiership. Mastering the tricky conditions, he landed goals up to 45 yards out on an angle. Leading 7-4 at half-time, Cronulla raced away in the second half as Wests' effort petered out. Former English Test prop Cliff Watson and second-rower Ken Maddison took charge of the rucks to maintain pressure on Wests. **(Daily Telegraph 17th July 1972)**

**Notes:** Coach Don Parish made wholesale changes for this match. Out were O'Bryan, Handcock, Bryant, Pratl and Withers, replaced by Winter, Stonestreet, Smith, Rogers and John Glachan (on debut). John Elford and Tom Raudonikis were backing up from the Saturday Test against NZ. Both played well, but tired visibly in the last 20 minutes. The scores were close at half-time but the whole team tired badly in the second half and were thoroughly outplayed, both in the backs and forwards.