



1975 Round 17 Sunday 20th July Redfern Oval



Western Suburbs 25

def.

South Sydney 14



John DORAHY
 Stephen KNIGHT
 John HEYWARD
 Robbie PARKER
 Russell MULLINS
 Tim MURPHY
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Chris WELLMAN
 Jim MURPHY
 Mick LIUBINSKAS
 John DONNELLY
 Shane DAY
 Pat HUNDY

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

Eric SIMMS
 Greg PURCELL
 Paul SAIT
 Jeff WITHERS
 Bernie LOWTHER
 Andrew DONNELLY
 Bob GRANT (c)
 John DYKES
 Gary STEVENS
 Bob McCARTHY
 Brad JONES
 Ken STEWART
 John O'NEILL

Tries

Mick LIUBINSKAS (2)
 John DORAHY
 John HEYWARD
 Russell MULLINS

Bob McCARTHY (2)
 Bernie LOWTHER
 Jeff WITHERS

Goals

John DORAHY (5)

Eric SIMMS (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: S Knight, J Heyward, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: T Murphy; half; T Raudonikis (c); forwards: C Wellman, J Murphy, M Liubinskas, J Donnelly, S Day, P Hundy

South Sydney: Full-back: E Simms; three-quarters: G Purcell, P Sait, J Withers, B Lowther; five-eighth: A Donnelly; half: R Grant (c); forwards: J Dykes, G Stevens, R McCarthy, J O'Neill, K Stewart, B Jones **Referee: G Cook (Rugby League Week 26th July 1975)**

Western Suburbs moved to equal sixth position in the fight for a place in the final five by defeating South Sydney 25-14 at Redfern Oval. South Sydney's defeat kept them on the bottom of the competition table. Wests, with four tries, had established a winning 20-3 break at half-time. Lanky second-rower Mick Liubinskas began their scoring with two early tries. Liubinskas intercepted a Bob McCarthy pass in the sixth minute to score unopposed near the posts. Liubinskas soon after was on the spot again in a 50-metre dash along the sideline which left Souths' Bob Grant and Eric Simms stranded. Wests continued the pressure and in the 20th minute centre John Heyward picked up a loose ball near the Souths' line to score untouched. Dorahy converted from the sideline and Wests raced to a 13-0 lead. Four minutes later Souths' five-eighth Andrew Donnelly split the defence and passed to Paul Sait, who sent to winger Bernie Lowther over in the corner. But Dorahy split Souths' defence in the 28th minute with a swerving run to score and give Wests an 18-3 lead. A penalty goal by Dorahy increased the Magpies' lead to 17 points at half-time. Coach Clive Churchill roasted Souths' constant handling and passing errors and Souths play improved in the second session. Souths scored three tries, two by second-rower McCarthy and another by centre Jeff Withers to one try by Wests. Full-back Eric Simms was off target with his kicking and notched only one goal from four attempts. On the debit side, Liubinskas injured a knee and centre Robbie Parker has a corked thigh. South Sydney's international utility player Paul Sait will have an X-ray today on an aggravated thumb injury. **(Daily Telegraph 21st July 1975)**

Beaten 25-14 by Western Suburbs yesterday, South Sydney are anchored alone at the bottom of the competition table and all set for their first wooden spoon since 1962. They trailed 20-3 at half-time and, after a dressing-room dressing-down from coach Clive Churchill, managed to convey some sense of respectability to the score with an improved second-half performance. But Wests appeared to be coasting by then and their coach, Don Parish, said he was happy while his side kept winning. Wests share sixth place with Balmain and Parish expects the Magpies to strengthen their finals prospects in games against weaker opposition over the next few weeks. **(Sydney Morning Herald 21st July 1975)**

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Notes: Wests put on a first-half blitz to lead 20-3 at half-time and then coasted in the second half. Two early tries by Mick Liubinskas set the scene for a good win against the hapless Souths, who went to the bottom of the table for the first time since 1963. Tom Raudonikis and John Donnelly, both backing up from Test matches the previous day, both had strong games, while Dorahy was his dynamic self, frequently chiming into the backline.