



1973 Round 18 Sunday 22nd July Sports Ground



Western Suburbs 10

def.

Eastern Suburbs 0

Tony FORD
 Stephen SATTERLY
 Stephen KNIGHT
 Robbie PARKER
 Russell MULLINS
 Neville SINCLAIR
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Jim MYERS
 Geoff FOSTER
 Barry BRYANT
 Jim MURPHY
 Shane DAY
 John O'BRYAN

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

Jim PORTER
 Mick ALCHIN
 John BRASS
 Harry CAMERON
 Kerry COLLIEN
 Terry STEVENS
 Kevin JUNEE
 Ron COOTE (c)
 Laurie FREIER
 Barry REILLY
 Ian BAKER
 John ARMSTRONG
 Arthur BEETSON
 Allan MCKEAN
 Kevin STEVENS

Tries Jim MURPHY
 Stephen SATTERLY

Goals Tony FORD (2)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: J Porter; three-quarters: M Alchin, J Brass, H Cameron, K Collien; five-eighth: T Stevens; half: K Junee; forwards: R Coote (c), B Reilly, L Freier, A Beetson, J Armstrong, I Baker

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: S Satterly, S Knight, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: N Sinclair; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: J Myers, B Bryant, G Foster, J O'Bryan, S Day, J Murphy **Referee: K Holman (Rugby League Week 28th July 1973)**

Eastern Suburbs Rugby League team may have found the Sports Ground a happy enough hunting ground over the years but yesterday it was more like an elephants' graveyard. Any late-arriving Easts' supporter would have found precious little ivory but plenty of reputations scattered about from Western Suburbs' deserved 10-0 victory. Four rounds remain and, within the letter of the law, Easts are still in contention for the final five. But with their forwards' inglorious lumbering, the backs' unimaginative attack-launching and the team's supremely inept handling yesterday they are not certain to win any of their games. Easts have to meet Balmain, St George, North Sydney and Parramatta and, though those games might raise hope in a tri-coloured breast, the few in attendance yesterday must fear the worst. Back at the club they will be wondering if they need a uranium field to buy the premiership when a team containing men like Arthur Beetson, Ron Coote, John Brass, Kevin Junee etc., cannot do the job. Easts' coach Tony Paskins seemed a little lost for words except to say: "Terrible. They didn't let us into the game." Easts' officials were even more tight-lipped during the week about hooker Peter Moscatt, who had back trouble since Tuesday, did not play yesterday, and is worried about whether he can turn out next weekend. Easts were without specialist hookers on the day – Moscatt, Kel Brown, Sam Gillespie and Ron Brown – so that prop and second-rower started off raking. Armstrong suffered a severe rib injury early in the game, stuck it out until Wests scored their second try, then was replaced as hooker by 20-year-old Kevin Stevens, the reserve grade half-back. Wests began with a pre-conceived Don Parish notion – stop Beetson, stop the source of supply, stop Easts. Coach Parish told second-rowers Geoff Foster and Barry Bryant that Beetson was their baby, Foster to mark him on the right side of the rucks, Bryant on the left. The 20-year-old Foster, a 15-stone centre-winger turned forward, is in his second season of first-grade football. Bryant, 27, has been doing the rounds for nine years. With Wests' Shane Day again winning the scrums, props Jim Murphy and John O'Bryan giving the rucks some muscle and young lock Jim Myers, 19, working enthusiastically, Easts were never in the picture. Former Test captain Coote played well in the first half but faded and Beetson gave two or three superb passes. In the 18th minute, Wests' captain, Tom Raudonikis, slipped the ball to energetic winger Russell Mullins, barging in from the blind, Bryant carried it on and Murphy held the low pass for the try. Easts changed winger Kerry Collien at the interval for former international full-back Allan McKean, leaving Jim Porter at full-back. Wests' winger Steve Satterly, is a player who has limited opportunities but midway through the half, after Raudonikis linked with lock Myers, Satterly cut inside the cover defence to touch down, leaving Porter and Harry Cameron sprawled along the sideline. **(Sydney Morning Herald 23rd July 1973)**

Notes: Wests were always on top of this match. Don Parish tasked Bryant and Foster to take Beetson out of the match and he was never sighted. Jim Myers came in for Baker and had a big influence, finishing with 30 effective tackles. Shane Day won the scrums 20-11 and the surfeit of possession meant Raudonikis could weave his magic and the backline functioned fluently in a very dominant display.