



# 1970 Round 18 Saturday 25th July Lidcombe Oval



## Western Suburbs 27

drew with

## North Sydney 27



Peter FLANDERS  
 Don ROGERS  
 Derek BROUWER  
 Roy FERGUSON (c)  
 John ELFORD  
 Tom RAUDONIKIS  
 John MAXWELL  
 Rod SMITH  
 John BAKER  
 Kevin TIMBS  
 John ARMSTRONG  
 Ken STONESTREET  
 Jim CODY  
 Bill HANSEN  
 Barry BRYANT

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

John BOOBY  
 Ken IRVINE  
 Owen O'DONNELL  
 Dave WOODS  
 George AMBRUM  
 Kerry COLLIEN  
 Graham WILLIAMS (c)  
 John McDONELL  
 Noel CAVANAGH  
 Warren CHATFIELD  
 Dave BRIDGEWATER  
 Ross WARNER  
 Jim MILLS  
 Brian NORTON

### Tries

Roy FERGUSON (2)  
 John BAKER  
 Don ROGERS  
 Kevin TIMBS

Ken IRVINE (2)  
 David BRIDGEWATER  
 Kerry COLLIEN  
 Owen O'DONNELL

### Goals

Peter FLANDERS (6)

Owen O'DONNELL (5)  
 Graham WILLIAMS (1) Field goal

### Match Description

**North Sydney:** Full-back: J Booby; three-quarters: K Irvine, O O'Donnell, D Wood, G Ambrum; five-eighth: K Collins; half: G Williams (c); forwards: J McDonell, N Cavanagh, W Chatfield, J Mills, R Warner, B Norton

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: P Flanders; three-quarters: D Rogers, R Ferguson (c), D Brouwer, J Elford; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half; J Maxwell; forwards: R Smith, J Baker, K Timbs, J Armstrong, K Stonestreet, J Cody     **Referee: R Humphreys (Rugby League Week 1st August 1970)**

The problem of falling Rugby League crowds was emphasised yesterday when only 1527 spectators watched North Sydney and Western Suburbs draw 27-all at Lidcombe Oval. Crowds this year are down almost 300,000 on 1968 figures and yesterday's attendance must be one of the smallest on record... Wests' Captain Roy Ferguson ran 70 yards and 50 yards to score his two tries while Irvine ran 75 yards to score the last try. The crowd was treated to a sometimes spectacular, sometimes untidy, match. The complete lack of cover defence took a lot of shine from the match. Players had only to break past their opposite number to be in a scoring position. The teams took it in turns for much of the second half. ... Ferguson had a strong game and regained some of the prestige he had lost recently with some indifferent displays. He was strong in defence and made several attacking bursts which split the defence. Full-back Peter Flanders' hesitancy in defence was emphasised by the lack of tackling "up front." Flanders was bright in attack though and kicked six goals from 11 attempts, including two from the sideline and one from half-way. His first goal took him to 100 points for the season. ... **(Sunday Telegraph 26th July 1970)**

Two boys almost stole the limelight at Lidcombe Oval yesterday when North Sydney snatched a sensational 27-all draw with Western Suburbs after the final hooter. The boys raced on the field as the hooter sounded and grabbed the corner post. Several Wests' players claimed that Ken Irvine, Norths' winger, would have had his try disallowed if the corner post had been in. Irvine insisted it was a fair try. "Actually, when harassed by two Wests' defenders, I started for the corner post but found it wasn't there," he said. "So I headed infield and hoped for the best." Wests' winger John Elford, who tackled Irvine as he went over agreed that Irvine had not stepped outside the line. But several Wests' officials disputed the try, and said a player who handled earlier had knocked on. The move started when big Wests' prop John Armstrong was charging ahead inside Norths' half and threw a pass after the final hooter sounded. Norths' second-rower Warren Chatfield, picked up and sent to Dave Wood, who gave the final pass that sent Irvine racing 40 yards to touch down. Most of the Wests' camp claimed Chatfield had knocked on, but this was emphatically denied in Norths' dressing room..... **(Sunday Mirror 26th July 1970)**

**Notes:** Simply put, this was a game that Wests should have won. Wests were leading 27-22 when the final siren blew and for some inexplicable reason, John Armstrong threw a wild pass instead of going to ground. Although Wests claimed there was a knock-on, it resulted in the ball being scooped up and Ken Irvine scoring in the corner. The try was then converted from the sideline for a 27-all draw. One of the smallest crowds ever, 1,527, watched Roy Ferguson come storming back to form. Both his tries were long-range efforts, 50 and 70-yard runs. Peter Flanders reached 100 points for the season.