



# 1969 Round 18 Sunday 27th July Lidcombe Oval



## Western Suburbs 20

def.

## North Sydney 15

Tony FORD	<b>Fullback</b>
Dick PICKETT	<b>Wing</b>
Barry GLASGOW	<b>Centre</b>
Roy FERGUSON	<b>Centre</b>
Don ROGERS	<b>Wing</b>
Tom RAUDONIKIS	<b>Five-eighth</b>
John MAXWELL	<b>Half</b>
Rod SMITH	<b>Lock</b>
John BAKER	<b>Second Row</b>
Barry BRYANT	<b>Second Row</b>
Steve WINTER	<b>Front Row</b>
Ken STONESTREET (c)	<b>Hooker</b>
Doug WALKADEN	<b>Front Row</b>
Wayne JAMES	<b>Replacement</b>

Mick MAHER (c)
Ken IRVINE
Gary BANKS
Leo TOOHEY
George AMBRUM
Graham WILLIAMS
John FAIRNS
John McDONELL
Noel CAVANAGH
Warren CHATFIELD
Jim SCHRODER
Ross WARNER
John SULLIVAN



**Tries**

Tony FORD	Mick MAHER
Wayne JAMES	
John MAXWELL	
Doug WALKADEN	

**Goals**

Tony FORD (3)	Noel CAVANAGH (6)
Barry GLASGOW (1) Field goal	

### Match Description

**North Sydney:** Full-back: M Maher (c); three-quarters: K Irvine, G Banks, L Toohey, G Ambrum; five-eighth: G Williams; half: J Fairns; forwards: J McDonell, N Cavanagh, W Chatfield, J Schroder, R Warner, J Sullivan

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, B Glasgow, R Ferguson, R Pickett; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: J Maxwell; forwards: R Smith, J Baker, B Bryant, S Winter, K Stonestreet (c), D Walkaden **Referee: K Holman (The Sun 25th July 1969)**

"We'll get closer to the silver next season." That was North Sydney coach Roy Francis' promise after Western Suburbs had killed his team's semi-final hopes this year with a 20-15 win at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. For the last five years Francis has decorated his sideboard with trophies won by his former club in England, Leeds. "I got to like collecting them," he said. "It's going to look a bit empty without anything this year but I hope we'll be putting our hands out in 1970." Silly mistakes highlighted by another butter-fingered handling display destroyed Norths again yesterday. Mick Maher, a different player since a severe head tackle four weeks ago, presented Wests with five points. Three of them came when he short-kicked straight to Wests' substitute second-rower Wayne James, who wrong-footed the defence and galloped over just after the start. Later he spilled a kick by Tony Ford into touch on his own line and Glasgow banged over a field goal from the scrum. But Maher's team-mates were almost as bad with attacks repeatedly breaking down through slip-shod handling. One of these dropped passes right on half-time put Wests back into the game when Walkaden grabbed the ball and dived over despite what appeared to be a double movement. Wests finished the match with four tries to one, an ironic twist because before yesterday they trailed the competition with 24 tries, while Norths shared the lead with Balmain with 52. Six goals by Noel Cavanagh made Norths' final score look healthier. Five of them came from penalties against Wests' hooker Stonestreet and half Maxwell. Referee Keith Holman caned the pair mercilessly and near full-time threatened to send Maxwell off for feeding the second-row. Tony Ford had a brilliant all-round game for the winners. Twice he crash-tackled Ambrum into touch as the burly winger was racing for the corner; once he drove Chatfield out in the corner to save another certain try and on another occasion he swamped Fairns as the Norths half was almost over. To cap it all Ford shot off Pickett at half-way late in the game and sliced through to Norths' line without being touched – a superbly timed try that brought the house down. **(Sun 28th July 1969)**

Western Suburbs yesterday over-whelmed semi-final aspirant North Sydney 20-15 at Lidcombe Oval. Wests scored four tries to Norths' one. Norths, who had led 9-8 at half-time, were kept in the match only by second-rower Noel Cavanagh's boot. ..Norths, with regulars Lloyd Weier, John McDonell and Denis Cubis sidelined with injuries, were not as cohesive as in their recent winning streak. They had another set-back when five-eighth Graham Williams suffered a hamstring injury and did not return after half-time. Wests' full-back had a "blinder." .. Ford capped his good game with a fine try eight minutes before the end. Winger Dick Pickett had retrieved a short kick, drew the defence and reverse-passed to Ford, who flashed down the middle. Ford outpaced Norths' cover in a 40-yard run. **(Daily Telegraph 28th July 1969)**

**Notes:** After seven consecutive losses Wests were finally able to show some form and out-play Norths. Tony Ford was brilliant in his comeback game, apparently overcoming the effects of concussion. His tackling of Norths' burly winger George Ambrum was a feature. Ken Stonestreet and John Maxwell were caned in the scrums, Maxwell threatened with a send-off late in the match.