



1974 Round 18 Saturday 27th July Cricket Ground



Eastern Suburbs 25

def.

Western Suburbs 17

Russell FAIRFAX
 Jim PORTER
 Harry CAMERON
 Mark HARRIS
 Bill MULLINS
 John PEARD
 John MAYES
 Ron COOTE
 Barry REILLY
 Graham OLLING
 Arthur BEETSON (c)
 Elwyn WALTERS
 Ian BAKER
 Les HAYES

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

John DORAHY
 Stephen SATTERLY
 Stephen KNIGHT
 Ron GITEAU
 Russell MULLINS
 Russell WORTH
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Jim MYERS
 John ELFORD
 Geoff FOSTER
 Pat HUNDY
 John PURCELL
 Mick LIUBINSKAS
 Warren SNODGRASS



Tries Bill MULLINS (3)
 John MAYES (2)

Russell MULLINS
 Jim MYERS
 Tom RAUDONIKIS

Goals John PEARD (5)

John DORAHY (4)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: R Fairfax; three-quarters: J Porter, M Harris, H Cameron, W Mullins; five-eighth: J Peard; half: J Mayes; forwards: R Coote, B Reilly, G Olling, A Beetson (c), E Walters, I Baker

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: S Satterly, S Knight, R Giteau, R Mullins; five-eighth: R Worth; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: J Myers, J Elford, G Foster, P Hundy, J Purcell, M Liubinskas **Referee: K Page (Rugby League Week 3rd August 1974)**

East's bolted eight points clear in the race for the minor premiership when they beat a plucky Wests 25-17 at the SCG yesterday. East's big winger, Bill Mullins, scored three tries to join Kevin Junee at the head of the season's try-scoring list with 17 touchdowns. East's led 25-2 after eight minutes into the second half but Wests came back with three tries, to hand in a game performance. Wests were penalised from the start when Dorahy failed to kick the ball 10 metres. East's went straight into the attack but were repelled by strong defence. In the ninth minute Liubinskas, Hundy and Raudonikis combined to send Satterly racing for the corner. Satterly seemed certain to score but was put into touch by Ron Coote. East's had first points on the board in the 14th minute when Raudonikis was penalised from a scrum 20m out from his own line and Peard goaled for East's. East's were now in front 2-0 but Dorahy levelled the scores with an angled 30m goal in the 20th minute. Four minutes later Harris made a long run down the left flank but was tackled 10m out from Wests' line. The ball then went across field to Fairfax, on to Beetson, who sent a pass inside to Bill Mullins, who stepped inside a tackle from Elford to score. Peard failed to convert and East's led 5-2. The Roosters were now getting on top but Fairfax was penalised for not allowing Elford to play the ball. Dorahy missed an early shot. Ten minutes from half-time, East's won a scrum 30m out from Wests' line and Mayes streaked over beside the posts for a great solo try after beating two attempted tackles by Myers. With Peard converting, East's were in front 10-2. East's were now right on top and Coote sent a pass inside to Mullins, who went over beside the posts untouched. Peard converted to increase East's lead to 15-2. Only four minutes later disaster struck Wests again when they were attacking inside East's quarter line. Raudonikis sent a bad pass out to his backs; it went to ground and Bill Mullins picked up the loose ball to race 80 yards to score between the posts. Once again Peard converted and the score was now 20-2. When Mullins went over for his third try, he joined Manly's Kevin Junee on 17 tries as the leading try-scorer. Peard converted to give East's a 25-2 lead. Elford left the field in the 11th minute of the second half with an injury and was replaced by Warren Snodgrass. After eight minutes of the second half, Fairfax made a break on the blind-side. When caught near Wests' quarter line, he kicked infield. Wests fumbled the ball over their own line and Mayes fell on it for a try. **(Sunday Mirror 28th July 1974)**

Notes: John Brass and Kevin Stevens were out for this match for East's after a mid-week Amco Cup match. After a very torrid forward battle, East's ran away to a 25-2 lead before the young Wests' side came storming back. With Purcell winning the second half scrums, Hundy and Liubinskas started to control the rucks and Wests scored three good tries. This was a good performance against the competition leaders.