



## 1975 Round 18 Sunday 27th July Lidcombe Oval



**North Sydney 10**

**def.**

**Western Suburbs 7**

Mal McLACHLIN  
Mark SCOBIE  
Terry ADAMS  
Garry PRETTI  
Paul HOPE  
Graeme SMITH  
Barry WOOD  
Steve COLMAN  
Bruce WALKER (c)  
Mick HEALEY  
Bill HAMILTON  
Bruce FOYE  
Jim FIDDLER

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

John DORAHY  
Don ROGERS  
Stephen KNIGHT  
Robbie PARKER  
Trevor SCARR  
Tim MURPHY  
Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
Chris WELLMAN  
Jim MURPHY  
Geoff FOSTER  
Pat HUNDY  
Shane DAY  
John DONNELLY



**Tries**

Mick HEALEY  
Paul HOPE

John DONNELLY

**Goals**

Jim FIDDLER (2)

John DORAHY (2)

**Match Description**

**North Sydney:** Full-back: M McLachlin; three-quarters: M Scobie, T Adams, G Pretti, P Hope; five-eighth: G Smith; half: B Wood; forwards: S Colman, B Walker (c), M Healey, W Hamilton, B Foye, J Fiddler

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: D Rogers, S Knight, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: C Wellman, J Murphy, G Foster, J Donnelly, S Day, P Hundy **Referee: D McDonald (The Sun 25th July 1975)**

Coach Don Parish accused Western Suburbs of "only going through the motions" against North Sydney at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Wests, beaten 10-7, are now three points out of the five with four games to go. Full-back John Dorahy landed only two goals from six attempts. His lapses typified a generally sub-standard display by the Magpies. The half-time score was 2-2, following goals by Dorahy and Norths' front-rower Jim Fiddler. Wests dashed to the lead five minutes after half-time through a barging try by front-rower John Donnelly, which Dorahy converted. Two quick tries by second-rower Mick Healey and winger Paul Hope swung the game back in Norths' favour. Healey's try was converted to give Norths a 10-7 lead with 23 minutes to go. Parish was disgusted by his team's performance against Norths, whom he described as an ordinary side. "It appears that some of my players were not giving 100 per cent effort today," Parish said. "It doesn't matter what other games we have to play if today's effort is any guide." ... **(Daily Telegraph 28th July 1975)**

Noel Kelly will back up as coach of the North Sydney Bears in 1976 if the club asks him. "Wins like this make you change your mind about quitting," he declared after Norths had rocked his old club Western Suburbs with a 10-7 upset at Lidcombe. The Bears played with a lot of vigour to notch their fourth victory in six games against a butter-fingered Wests which dropped ball after ball. And the defence was pathetic when Mick Healey and Paul Hope scored the second-half tries in the three-minute spell, which sank the Magpies. Wests have now slipped three points behind fifth-placed Cronulla, so their hopes of making the five have nose-dived. "This was the death blow for Wests," Kelly shouted over the din, as Norths players and officials roared their victory song, "The Big Black Bears are on the road again." Don Parish, the Wests' coach, took the loss extremely hard, muttering: "We were hopeless .... We only played for the first 10 minutes in each half." John Dorahy was a big disappointment. He badly missed the tackle when Hope scored his try and kicked only two goals from six attempts. Wests looked set for victory when Test prop John Donnelly plunged across for a converted try early in the second half to give them a 7-2 lead. Norths struck back quickly when Healey came surging up the sideline and broke out of a couple of tackles to score in the corner. Jim Fiddler converted with a mighty kick from touch to make it 7-all. Then came the decisive breakthrough when Hope darted in-field from the wing and evaded three Wests' tacklers to score a superb individual try. Healey was the executioner-in-chief for Norths. He made a number of powerful breaks and softened up Wests with some bone-crunching tackles. "His last three games have been clinkers," Kelly said as he pointed to Healey, "He could be anything. He's got so much ability, but you've got to hammer and hammer and hammer to get it out of him." Hope was a darting menace on the wing every time he touched the ball, while Bill Hamilton did a lot of strong work in the "heavy" play. **(The Sun 28th July 1975)**

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**Notes:** Stephen Knight had been dropped for the first time in his career and there had been a major reshuffle with Chris Wellman going to five-eighth, but Knight came back into the team at the last minute. It made little difference as Wests fumbled their way to their worst performance of the season. Don Parish fumed at the lack of effort and two quick second half tries scored by Norths were the result of very poor tackling. This loss was a major setback to Wests' semi-final chances