



1970 Round 19 Sunday 2nd August Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 16

def.

Cronulla-Sutherland 2

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

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

Greg PIERCE
Ray CORCORAN
Paul TAYLOR
Bob WEAR
George FLEMING
Kevin HOGAN
Tommy BISHOP (c)
Rod URQUHART
John MAGUIRE
Alan KENNINGTON
George TAYLFORTH
Dave COOPER
Mick SOUTER



Tries Don ROGERS (2)
Ken STONESTREET
Roy FERGUSON

Goals Peter FLANDERS (1)
John ARMSTRONG (1)

George TAYLFORTH (1)

Match Description

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, B Bryant, K Timbs, J Armstrong, K Stonestreet, J Cody

Cronulla-Sutherland: Full-back: G Pierce; three-quarters: R Corcoran, P Taylor, R Wear, G Fleming; five-eighth: K Hogan; half: T Bishop (c); forwards: R Urquhart, J Maguire, A Kennington, G Taylforth, D Cooper, M Souter **Referee: R Humphreys (Rugby League Week 2nd August 1970)**

Western Suburbs Rugby league team yesterday jolted Cronulla's hopes of qualifying for the Cronulla-sponsored \$10,500 end-of-the-season tournament. Wests defeated Cronulla 16-2 at Lidcombe Oval. They scored three tries in the last 20 minutes to seal the win after leading 5-2 at half-time. Wests' hooker Ken Stonestreet won seven successive scrums in the last 20 minutes. He finished ahead 18-11 in the overall scrum count, while the penalties also favoured Wests 14-8. The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth teams in the premiership qualify for Cronulla's end-of-the-season series. Cronulla are now ninth in the premiership. Cronulla yesterday were lethargic in a scrappy game and were unable to contain Wests' forwards in the final scoring burst. Second-rower Kevin Timbs twice made breaks through the Cronulla defence to send first centre Roy Ferguson then winger Don Rogers over between the posts. Wests lost Smith with a shoulder injury and full-back Peter Flanders with torn knee ligaments. Wests' halves Maxwell and Tom Raudonikis blotted their rivals, Bishop and Kevin Hogan, out of the picture. Rival wingers John Elford (Wests) and Ray Corcoran (Cronulla) were outstanding in the backs. **(Sydney Morning Herald 3rd August 1970)**

A season of coaching Western Suburbs has turned Ron Watson into a permanently worried sideline pessimist. With eight minutes to go, his team crushing a non-firing Cronulla 16-2, Ron Watson was still worried. Admittedly, by that stage he was just about sure his boys would score their fifth win in 19 games – but then he started to worry about the possibility of Cronulla crossing over for a try. Not that there was much chance of the Sharks forcing their way over at that stage of the proceedings. No doubt his opposite, Tommy Bishop, was also worried, but the Cronulla coach was saddled by the memory of his own "shocker" as well as the team around him. ...The Western Suburbs' domination of scrums (18-11) and penalties (14-8) forced Cronulla to defend, defend until something had to crack. It happened in the final quarter, when Wests' Ken Stonestreet won seven scrums in a row. Hard-running second-rower Kevin Timbs cut holes through the defence to send both centre Roy Ferguson and winger Don Rogers scooting over under the posts. Three tries and a goal to Wests and they had skipped from a narrow 5-2 half-time lead to a convincing 16-2 victory. ... Clearly the Bishop-Hogan scrum-base combination must reform so it is not broken in the way John Maxwell and Tom Raudonikis did at Lidcombe Oval. With the Magpies' forwards in control, Timbs and Barry Bryant were able to run freely. With Rod Smith out injured in the second half, Ron Watson used Barry Bryant as a highly effective, wide-skirting lock, with great success. ... **(Rugby League Week 8th August 1970)**

Notes: Ken Stonestreet finally dominated the scrums and Wests also won the penalties 14-8. Wests ran in three quick tries in a 10-minute spell in the second half to put the match beyond doubt. Kevin Timbs and John Elford were outstanding in this period. The year of injuries continued with Rod Smith hurting a shoulder and Peter Flanders tearing knee ligaments, both in the second half.