



# 1974 Round 19 Saturday 3rd August Cricket Ground



## Western Suburbs 18

def.

## South Sydney 10

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

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

Eric SIMMS  
 Tom MOYLAN  
 Owen O'DONNELL  
 Tom MOONEY  
 Ross BIRRELL  
 Jeff WITHERS  
 Barry WOODS  
 Paul SAIT  
 Gary STEVENS  
 Bob McCARTHY (c)  
 Harry EDEN  
 Steve MAGNUS  
 Herb TIMMS  
 Rod URQUHART  
 Greg LONGHURST

### Tries

John DORAHY (2)  
 Russell MULLINS  
 Geoff FOSTER

Harry EDEN  
 Jeff WITHERS

### Goals

John DORAHY (3)

Eric SIMMS (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: S Satterly, S Knight, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: R Worth; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: W Snodgrass, J Elford, G Foster, P Hundy, J Purcell, M Liubinskas

**South Sydney:** Full-back: E Simms; three-quarters: T Moylan, O O'Donnell, T Mooney, R Birrell; five-eighth: J Withers; half: B Woods; forwards: R Urquhart, G Stevens, R McCarthy (c), H Eden, S Magnus, H Timms **Referee: K Holman (Rugby League Week 10th August 1974)**

Underdogs Western Suburbs moved to clear fifth place on the premiership ladder when they defeated South Sydney 18-10 in a thriller at the SCG yesterday. Spearheaded by their skipper Tommy Raudonikis, Wests won a major share of possession from the scrums and thoroughly deserved to win. Wests went into the attack after three minutes when Parker made a long run down the blind. Referee Holman cautioned Sait and Dorahy and penalised Wests. Wests worked play inside Souths' territory where Dorahy missed a shot at goal. Four minutes later, Simms had a shot at goal from 30m out and in front, but his kick hit the upright. After 12 minutes Dorahy kicked ahead from half-way and Moylan took the ball on his own quarter line. He passed to Simms who ran down the right flank, passed inside to McCarthy who again passed inside to Eden who raced over for a try handy to the posts. Simms converted to give Souths a 5-0 lead. Dorahy drew blood for Wests in the 19th minute when he kicked ahead from 10m out from the South Sydney line, regathered on the first bounce and scored. Then 15 minutes from half-time Foster went over between the posts for an easy try after beating tackles by Urquhart and McCarthy. Dorahy converted the try and Wests were in front 8-5. Raudonikis sent Knight racing 60 metres up-field before he was tackled by Simms on the South Sydney quarter line. After a quick play-the-ball, Raudonikis sent to Liubinskas on to the unmarked Mullins, who raced over untouched to score between the posts. With Dorahy converting, Wests led 13-5. For the first 19 minutes of the second half Wests continued to dominate play by winning a major share of possession. When Souths finally got the ball, they moved deep inside Wests' territory but a try went begging when Magnus dropped the ball with the line wide open in front of the posts. After 24 minutes in the second half Eden crashed over wide out but Holman disallowed the try, ruling a double movement. Knight was cautioned and penalised after Birrell was caught in a high tackle in front of Wests' posts. A minute later, with Souths attacking strongly, Wood sent Withers over for a try between the posts. With Simms converting, Wests led 13-10 and Souths went straight back into attack. Four minutes from time McCarthy made a break and sent inside to Birrell who dropped the ball 40m out from his own line. Wests regained possession and Raudonikis sent the ball to Dorahy on the burst and the full-back raced away from the defence to score. Dorahy converted to give Wests victory 18-10. **(Sunday Mirror 4th August 1974)**

**Notes:** Robbie Parker was back for this match and he quickly shared the old combination with Stephen Knight. Geoff Foster had his best game of the season and John Purcell contributed strongly, winning the scrums 18-10. However, in a thrilling game, it was the Test half Tom Raudonikis who once again stole the show. He held the team together when Souths came at them and slipped a beautiful pass to Dorahy for the match-winning try. In a match where Wests took their chances, Dorahy had a field goal disallowed, although all the Souths' players said it definitely went over the bar.