



1980 Round 20 Sunday 17th August Cumberland Oval



Western Suburbs 34

def.

Parramatta 9



Wayne SMITH
 John RIBOT
 Ted GOODWIN
 Ron GITEAU
 Warren BOLAND (c)
 Terry LAMB
 Alan NEIL
 Jim LEIS
 John McLEOD
 Bob COOPER
 John DONNELLY
 Jack JEFFRIES
 Tom ARBER

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

Neil HUNT
 Neville GLOVER
 Michael CRONIN
 Brett KENNY
 John CHAPMAN
 Michael PATTISON
 Peter STERLING
 Peter WYNN
 Lew PLATZ
 Paul HUNT
 Geoff GERARD
 Steve EDGE
 Ron HILDITCH (c)
 Garry DOWLING

Tries

John RIBOT
 John McLEOD
 Jack JEFFRIES
 Bob COOPER
 Warren BOLAND
 Tom ARBER

Ron HILDITCH

Goals

Ron GITEAU (8)

Michael CRONIN (2)
 Geoff GERARD (1)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: N Hunt; three-quarters: N Glover, M Cronin, B Kenny, J Chapman; five-eighth: M Pattison; half; P Sterling; forwards: P Wynn, L Platz, P Hunt, R Hilditch (c), S Edge, G Gerard

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: J Ribot, E Goodwin, R Giteau, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: A Neil; forwards: J Leis, J McLeod, R Cooper, J Donnelly, J Jeffries, T Arber **Referee: J Gocher (The Sun 18th August 1980)**

Ted Goodwin and Mick Cronin may have finished their Sydney League careers at Cumberland Oval yesterday. Goodwin and Cronin, sent off late in Western Suburbs' 34-9 romp against one-time premiers Parramatta, face the NSW judiciary tonight, both for the second time this year. Cronin was charged with a "forearm to the head of an opponent" and Goodwin with "punching." Goodwin, visibly upset after the match, said if he copped another heavy suspension, he would never play in Sydney again. "This is my second time and if suspended, I could be out for the rest of the year," he said. "That would finish me. I'm marked as a bad boy now. I can't afford to stay in Sydney football. If Goodwin's suspension is heavy, it will cost him another \$5,000, the amount of money he would earn on his incentive contract for the rest of the year. His previous six-week suspension this year has already cost him the same amount. Cronin, on the more serious charge, may have played his last game, depending not only on any suspension but also on Parramatta's form in the next two weeks. The Eels have to face Canterbury and St George as well as Balmain in Wednesday night's Tooth Cup final. They are looking at one of the toughest fortnights in the club's history and their most recent memory will be the sight of Western Suburbs. ... Wests' aggressive and skilful pack left Parramatta with no hope. Parramatta had neither the size nor the venom in defence to take Wests' big men out of the game and the 25-4 score-line by half-time was a perfect indication of Wests' superiority. It is more and more evident as the premiership moves on that Wests have all the flair and class to take out the premiership. John Donnelly, the biggest man on the field, claimed the present Wests' side had more chance of winning a premiership than any he played with. "We have more skill now and more experience. Once you get to the big one, you only have to perform on the day," he said. "And we will," he added. With Donnelly and his front-row partner, Tom Arber, tearing into the rucks, Wests' back-row men, Cooper, McLeod and Leis, had the time of their lives. Wests' victory was all the more complete when you consider the 21-9 penalty count against them. Produced on a shoe-string budget, the Magpie football show moves back to Lidcombe next Sunday against Souths and then to Henson Park for Newtown in the last match. Rising out of a bleak background at the start of the year they were seen as "battlers" with little money and less hope. They are now the slickest side in the premiership and, provided they are good enough on the day, ready to bring a premiership back to Wests for the first time in 28 years. ...**(The Sun 18th August 1980)**

Notes: Ted Goodwin returned after suspension but, with Mick Cronin, was sent off again and received a two-week suspension. Jim Leis returned to lock and was part of a dynamic back row. The Wests' pack, led by a rampaging John Donnelly, completely dominated the Parramatta six. It was a typically torrid match with an all-in brawl in the 18th minute but Wests were always on top, even allowing for a 21-9 penalty count against them.