

1977 Round 20 Saturday 6th August Pratten Park

Cronulla-Sutherland 47 def. Western Suburbs 10

| Mick MULLANE | Fullback | Don MOSELEY |
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| Rick BOURKE | Wing | Wayne SMITH |
| Steve ROGERS | Centre | Ken HEY |
| Dave CHAMBERLIN | Centre | Gavin MILLER |
| Warren FISHER | Wing | Trevor SCARR |
| Martin RAFTERY | Five-eighth | Peter ROWLES |
| Steve HANSARD | Half | Tom RAUDONIKIS (d |
| Greg PIERCE (c) | Lock | Graeme O'GRADY |
| Steve KNEEN | Second Row | Steve BLYTH |
| Graeme SAMS | Second Row | Geoff FOSTER |
| Dane SORENSON | Front Row | Doug LUCAS |
| John McMARTIN | Hooker | Shane DAY |
| Paul KHAN | Front Row | John DONNELLY |
| Ossie WELSH | Replacement | Neville SINCLAIR |
| | Replacement | Marshall ROGERS |

Tries Dave CHAMBERLIN (3)

Steve ROGERS (2)
Rick BOURKE (2)
Warren FISHER
Steve HANSARD

re ROGERS (2) Marshall ROGERS
BOURKE (2)

Steve ROGERS (10) Don MOSELEY (1)

Peter ROWLES (1)

Neville SINCLAIR

Match Description

Goals

Cronulla-Sutherland: Full-back: M Mullane; three-quarters: R Bourke, S Rogers, D Chamberlain, W Fisher; five-eighth: M Raftery; half: S Hansard; forwards: G Pierce (c), G Sams, S Kneen, D Sorenson, J McMartin, P Khan

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Moseley; three-quarters: T Scarr, K Hey, G Miller, W Smith; five-eighth: P Rowles; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: G O'Grady, G Foster, S Blyth, J Donnelly, S Day, D Lucas **Referee: J Gocher (Rugby League Week 13th August 1977)**

A win has never been sweeter for coach Ted Glossop than when his Cronulla-Sutherland Rugby League team beat Western Suburbs 47-10 at Pratten Park yesterday. Glossop has been heavily critical recently because of the way his team has been bombing tries. Yesterday Cronulla used speed and skill to score nine tries to two. "This team is capable of making breaks more than any other in the competition," Glossop said. "Yet we have no accolades for making breaks. We only get 'bagged' when we don't finish them off. We haven't always finished them off because the players have been trying to do too much. Today I made them play within themselves. It was beautiful." Cronulla led 22-2 at half-time by scoring four tries, with stand-in five-eighth Martin Raftery and prop Paul Khan contributing with frequent breaks. Wests lost any chance to get back into the match in the 45th minute when prop Doug Lucas was sent off by referee John Gocher on a touch judge's report. Lucas will appear before the League's judiciary committee tomorrow night. Wests' plight worsened in the 50th minute when full-back Don Moseley tore a hamstring and was a "passenger" for the rest of the match. Wests could not bring him off because they had already replaced lock Graham O'Grady with Neville Sinclair and winger Wayne Smith with Marshall Rogers. Cronulla scored another five tries in the second half, with centre Dave Chamberlain finishing with three for the match, and winger Rick Bourke and centre Steve Rogers each scoring two. Rogers finished with 26 points by landing 10 goals from 12 attempts. ... Wests' coach Keith Holman could offer no excuses and will have a worrying time finding a full fit team to play Canterbury-Bankstown in their Amco Cup semi-final on Wednesday night. (The Sun-Herald 7th August 1977)

...... For probably the first time in the season, Cronulla capitalised on their ability to break a defence and wound up with nine tries. The battered and seemingly broken Magpies just had no answer to Cronulla's free-wheeling. Wests, who now must back up against Canterbury in an Amco Cup semi-final on Wednesday night, finished the game minus Graham O'Grady, Wayne Smith and prop Doug Lucas. O'Grady and Smith came off with injuries but Lucas was sent off by referee John Gocher on a touch judge's report five minutes into the second half. Lucas will be charged with kicking a player in the face. With or without Lucas, Wests were never in the race, and Cronulla looked home long before half-time...... (Sunday Telegraph 7th August 1977)

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Notes: This was a disgraceful performance all round by Wests. It didn't help when Doug Lucas was sent off in the 49th minute, but the game was well lost by then. Don Moseley was badly injured and was a 'passenger' for most of the match when he couldn't go off because Wests had already used their two replacements. Steve Rogers had a huge game, carving up Wests for the second time in the season. Wests had to regroup to play Canterbury in the Wednesday night Amco Cup semi-final.

WESTERN SUBURBS