



# 1978 Round 21 Sunday 13th August North Sydney Oval



## Western Suburbs 27

def.

## North Sydney 26



John DORAHY  
 David WAITE  
 Wayne SMITH  
 Ron BRODRICK  
 Buddy CAIN  
 Peter ROWLES  
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
 Graeme O'GRADY  
 Les BOYD  
 Geoff FOSTER  
 John DONNELLY  
 Shane DAY  
 Bill CLOUGHESY  
 John PURCELL

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

Tony QUIRK  
 John VANDENBERG  
 Keith HARRIS  
 Peter SCHOFIELD  
 John ADAM  
 Pat CUDMORE  
 Peter CRAIG  
 Peter BRADY  
 John LONG  
 Lee COOPER  
 Glen BOATSWAIN  
 Bruce FOYE  
 Bill HAMILTON (c)  
 Kevin WILSON

### Tries

Les BOYD (2)  
 Graeme O'GRADY  
 Ron BRODRICK

Peter SCHOFIELD  
 Peter CRAIG  
 Tony QUIRK

### Goals

Peter ROWLES (8) One Field Goal

Peter SCHOFIELD (8)  
 Pat CUDMORE (1) Field Goal

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: D Waite, R Brodrick, W Smith, E Cain; five-eighth: P Rowles; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: G O'Grady, G Foster, L Boyd, J Donnelly, S Day, W Cloughessy

**North Sydney:** Full-back: T Quirk; three-quarters: J Vandenberg, K Harris, P Schofield, J Adam; five-eighth: P Cudmore; half: P Craig; forwards: P Brady, J Long, L Cooper, G Boatswain B Foye, W Hamilton (c) **Referee: D McDonald (Rugby League Week 19th August 1978)**

The invisible man's namesake – Peter Brady – is alive and well, and playing football for North Sydney. The only difference between television's Mr Brady and Norths' Mr Brady is the footballer can be seen: and all too often for Wests' liking. Brady, a 22-year-old Water Board employee playing his first season of Sydney football, almost destroyed the premiership leaders at North Sydney yesterday. If there was a North Sydney try on the make, or a Western Suburbs' charge, Brady was there; not invisible, but almost as elusive. Wests' poor performance to grab a 27-26 win with a field goal by five-eighth Peter Rowles two minutes from full-time was obviously due to their torrid encounter with Souths last weekend. The Magpies looked jaded, and coach Roy Masters was the first to admit it. Several social engagements by the team this week didn't help matters either. "The result today, at our game, and Souths' loss to Parramatta just goes to show how much a hard game takes out of a team," Masters said. "This result also proved something else – the tremendous pride this club's players have. It's a never-say-die spirit." Wests certainly held on grimly. Ahead only 16-14 at half-time, they moved into the next 40 minutes looking underdogs. Norths opened with a try and goal, two minutes after the whistle to lead 19-16, and for the remainder of the second half there was never more than four points separating the teams. With four minutes to go, and the scores at 26 each, Wests' five-eighth Peter Rowles attempted his second field goal in as many minutes and over it went. Norths should have won the match. They won the scrums 7-1, and the penalties favoured them 11-6. Their tries were more team efforts than Wests and their tackling was more punishing. "Don't ask me what we have to do," said a dejected North Sydney coach Bill Hamilton. **(The Sun 14th August 1978)**

A 35-metre field goal two minutes from full-time by five-eighth Peter Rowles enabled Western Suburbs to snatch a 27-26 Rugby League win against North Sydney at North Sydney Oval yesterday. Rowles landed seven goals from as many attempts with some wide angles and one from 49 metres out. Peter Schofield, Norths' centre, also had a good day, scoring with each of his eight attempts at goal. Running with the wind, Wests led 16-14 at half-time after tries by second-rower Les Boyd and centre Ron Brodrick and five goals by Rowles. The lead changed five times in the second half. **(Sydney Morning Herald 14th August 1978)**

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**Notes:** Wests seemed very flat for this after the brutal game against South Sydney the previous week. Souths' loss to Parramatta seemed to confirm the theory. The match was won in the last minute with a Peter Rowles field goal. It finished an outstanding kicking performance in a tricky wind, slotting seven out of seven. Dorahy and Boyd were both outstanding for Wests, in a second half where the lead changed five times. Shane Day left the field with a recurring shoulder injury.