



## 1969 Round 21 Sunday 17th August Sports Ground



### Western Suburbs 24

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### Eastern Suburbs 7

Tony FORD  
Mick ALCHIN  
Barry GLASGOW  
Roy FERGUSON  
Dick PICKETT  
Tom RAUDONIKIS  
John MAXWELL  
Rod SMITH  
John BAKER  
Barry BRYANT  
Noel KELLY (c)  
Ken STONESTREET  
Doug WALKADEN

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

Terry BAWDEN  
Glen STEWART  
John BRASS  
Ron SADDLER  
Bill MULLINS  
Bruce AYSHFORD  
Kevin JUNEE  
Harry EDEN  
Bert ZARA  
Louis NEUMANN (c)  
Jim HALL  
Bill SCHULTZ  
John WALKER

#### Tries

John MAXWELL (2)  
Mick ALCHIN  
Barry BRYANT

Glen STEWART

#### Goals

Tony FORD (5)  
Barry GLASGOW (1) Field goal

Terry BAWDEN (2)

#### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: M Alchin, B Glasgow, R Ferguson, R Pickett; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: J Maxwell; forwards: R Smith, J Baker, B Bryant, N Kelly (c), K Stonestreet, D Walkaden

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: T Bawden; three-quarters: G Stewart, J Brass, R Saddler, W Mullins; five-eighth: B Ayshford; half: K Junee; forwards: H Eden, B Zara, L Neumann (c), J Hall, W Schultz, J Walker **Referee: D McDonald (The Sun 18th August 1969)**

Western Suburbs' Rugby League team yesterday won their fourth straight game when they crushed Eastern Suburbs 24-7 at the Sports Ground. The semi-finalists can breathe a sigh of relief that Wests have left their run too late to qualify. Wests' willing forwards and sharp attacking backs effortlessly added Easts' scalp to their belt following wins over Norths, Balmain and Cronulla. Two smart tries by half-back John Maxwell and one by winger Mick Alchin in the first 17 minutes had Easts reeling. Wests led 11-4 at half-time, relaxed for a period after the spell, then piled on the points to finish 24-7 winners. Wests' supporters in the small crowd of 3778 left the Sports Ground claiming Wests a premiership threat next year. Barry Bryant capped a fine game with a second-half try, and both Doug Walkaden and Rod Smith were conspicuous forwards in the loose. The five-eighth Tom Raudonikis sparkled until he took a heavy knock when shouldered by Easts' captain, Louis Neumann, in the second half. Injuries were numerous and the Easts' pair Bert Zara and Glen Stewart both needed stitches for head gashes. If the season is not long enough for Wests, it can't end quickly enough for the dispirited Easts team. Only lock Harry Eden and winger Bill Mullins and five-eighth Bruce Ayshford were whole-hearted triers yesterday. Kevin Junee's 100th first-grade game was a disappointing affair and the representative centres, Ron Saddler and John Brass, both did little to remember. **(Daily Telegraph 18th August 1969)**

..... The man mainly responsible for putting back spark into the attack is young half John Maxwell who crossed twice against Easts yesterday. Third grade full-back at the start of the season, he has fought his way back to the spot he lost early last year – and Wests look much better for it. With another 23-9 scrum glut from hooker Ken Stonestreet, Maxwell carved Easts' defence to shreds and easily out-pointed Kangaroo half Kevin Junee on the day. Two quick tries had Easts on the ropes right from the start and some of their players were ready to throw in the towel even before half-time. Flashes of brilliance by John Brass and a lot of hard work by Harry Eden kept them in the game for a while, but the last 20 minutes was all one-way traffic as Barry Bryant, Rod Smith and Maxwell streamed down the middle. Easts' tackling in this period was deplorable. Coach Louis Neumann made no effort to hide his feelings at some of the team's defensive lapses, but he was a guilty as anybody **(Sun 18th August 1969)**

**Notes:** Tom Raudonikis fractured a cheek in the last 15 minutes of the match but had already indicated his huge potential. This was Wests' fourth straight win and the added spark of John Maxwell was helping the backline to fire. Easts had had a very poor season and were never in the game against a strong Wests' forward pack.