1983 Round 21 Sunday 24th July Redfern Oval

South Sydney 20   def.   Western Suburbs 12

South Sydney	Position	Western Suburbs
Michael POBJIE	*Fullback*	Warren BOLAND (c)
Stan BROWNE	*Wing*	Steve BROUGHTON
Ken WRIGHT	*Centre*	Wayne SMITH
Ziggy NISZCZOT (c)	*Centre*	David HARRIS
John JARVIE	*Wing*	David GREENE
Greg MACKEY	*Five-eighth*	Terry LAMB
George LONGBOTTOM	*Half*	Scott GALE
Michael CARBERRY	*Lock*	Mark BEAVEN
David BOYLE	*Second Row*	Brett GALE
Tony RAMPLING	*Second Row*	Michael DUKE
Gary HAMBLY	*Front Row*	Ian FREEMAN
Mario FENECH	*Hooker*	Arthur MOUNTIER
Peter SMITH	*Front Row*	Bruce CLARK
Rick BOURKE	*Replacement*	Trevor COGGER
Craig COLEMAN	*Replacement*	
Peter TUNKS	**Replacement**	

Tries	Ziggy NISZCZOT	Trevor COGGER
	Greg MACKEY	Bruce CLARK
	Michael CARBERRY	
Goals	Ken WRIGHT (4)	Wayne SMITH (1)
		Terry LAMB (1)

Match Description
Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Boland (c); three-quarters: S Broughton, W Smith, D Harris, D Greene; five-eighth: T Lamb; half: S Gale; forwards: M Beaven, B Gale, M Duke, I Freeman, A Mountier, B Clark
South Sydney: Full-back: M Pobjie; three-quarters: S Browne, K Wright, Z Niszczot (c), J Jarvie five-eighth: G Mackey; half: G Longbottom; forwards: M Carberry, D Boyle, T Rampling, G Hambly, M Fenech, P Smith   **Referee: G Annesley   (Rugby League Week 25th July 1983)**

Wests' oldest warrior, hooker Arthur Mountier, sat mud-caked in the losers' dressing room at Redfern Oval yesterday regretful, but adamant he would do it again. "Artie" took one of those calculated gambles. He failed and such was the effect that it sent Wests from a 12-4 lead to a 20-12 defeat by Souths. Ten minutes after half-time, Mountier found replacement Trevor Cogger unmarked 20 metres out from Wests' line. His pass went almost 20 metres across field, but too high. The ball went loose, Souths' Greg Mackey swooped on it and sent Ziggy Niszczot over for Souths' first try. From then on, it was if someone had given the Rabbitohs a giant needle. They scored twice again – in the 55th and 60th minutes – and looked immeasurably better. Mountier, a veteran campaigner who played well in the open and won the scrums 7-3, was philosophical. "I tried something and it didn't come off … that's the game," he lamented. "I'd probably do the same thing again if I had the chance." Although the pass changed the complexion of the game, it was certainly not Mountier's fault that Wests lost. They still led 12-10 and had plenty of time to continue the ascendancy they had shown for much of the match. **(The Sun 25th July 1983)**

South Sydney kept alive their slim chance of making the 1983 semi-finals with a 20-12 win over Western Suburbs at Redfern Oval yesterday. But it was only a 10-minute purple patch in the second half that got the Rabbitohs home. In that time, they scored three tries to go from a 4-12 half-time deficit to an eight-point lead. … Wests will find out today whether goal-kicking winger David Greene is out for the season when he has x-rays on a suspected broken ankle. Greene was carried off on a stretcher in the 28th minute after falling awkwardly in a sandwich tackle. The Rabbitohs were best served by hooker Mario Fenech, lock Michael Carberry and five-eighth Greg Mackey. For Wests, five-eighth Terry Lamb and prop Ian Freeman were best. **(Daily Telegraph 25th July 1983)**

Wests appeared to have an iron-grip on the game when they led 12-4 following tries by prop Bruce Clark and a sizzler by replacement winger Trevor Cogger. Wests were playing splendid football and coach Len Stacker believes over-confidence cost the Magpies victory. … **(Sydney Morning Herald 25th July 1983)**

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Notes: Wests were well in control leading 12-4 when Arthur Mountier threw a loose pass which resulted in a Souths' try. In a 10-minute purple period, Souths put on three tries to seal the match. David Greene was carried off with a suspected broken ankle. For Wests, Terry Lamb and Ian Freeman were the best performers.