



## 1973 Round 22 Sunday 19th August Lidcombe Oval



### St George 20

def.

### Western Suburbs 16

Graeme LANGLANDS (c)  
 Kevin McFARLANE  
 Gary PETHYBRIDGE  
 Roy FERGUSON  
 John CHAPMAN  
 John PEARD  
 Tony WHITE  
 Lindsay DRAKE  
 Rod REDDY  
 Graeme SAMS  
 Harry EDEN  
 Col RASMUSSEN  
 Peter FITZGERALD

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

Tony FORD  
 Stephen SATTERLY  
 Stephen KNIGHT  
 Robbie PARKER  
 Russell MULLINS  
 John HEYWARD  
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
 Jim MYERS  
 Geoff FOSTER  
 John SHERDIAN  
 John O'BRYAN  
 Shane DAY  
 Jim MURPHY  
 Neville SINCLAIR



**Tries** Lindsay DRAKE  
 Roy FERGUSON

Stephen KNIGHT  
 Stephen SATTERLY

**Goals** Graeme LANGLANDS (7)

Tony FORD (5)

#### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: S Satterly, S Knight, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: J Heyward; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: J Myers, G Foster, J Sheridan, J O'Bryan, S day, J Murphy

**St George:** Full-back: G Langlands (c); three-quarters: K McFarlane, R Ferguson, G Pethybridge, J Chapman; five-eighth: J Peard; half: T White; forwards: L Drake, G Sams, R Reddy, H Eden, C Rasmussen, P Fitzgerald **Referee: B Cross (The Sun 17th August 1973)**

An ankle injury did not stop St George Rugby League captain-coach Graem Langlands from becoming the season's leading points-scorer at Lidcombe Oval. Langlands kicked seven goals from eight attempts in the windy conditions to tally 169 points and pilot Saints to a 20-16 win over Western Suburbs. He finished only four points ahead of Canterbury-Bankstown's Henry Tatana and his winning goal came only eight minutes from the end. Langlands injured his left ankle when tackled early in the game and he was limping quite a few times during the match. "It's a bit sore .... And it will be sore tomorrow, but I didn't need a needle at half-time ... I'll be right for next weekend," Langlands said later. Langland's kicking was the difference between the sides but Saints did not enthuse their supporters with a rather flat performance on the eve of the final series. Wests' prop Jim Murphy commanded most respect in the forwards where Wests had the edge over the lighter St George pack. Murphy most certainly enhanced his Kangaroo tour chances. The match showed again that Saints will need their heavier props, Brian Norton and Barry Beath, back in the front row to have any real chance in the games ahead. Billy Smith's scheming and variation was missed around the rucks, although John Peard took over this role quite well. Norton, who has a shoulder ligament injury, has been out for several weeks but club officials are certain he will play against Cronulla-Sutherland at the SCG next Saturday. Langlands said yesterday that he doubted whether Beath, who dislocated his shoulder, would be back at all. In the meantime, lightweight Peter Fitzgerald is expected to hold down his prop spot on yesterday's performance with Harry Eden dropping back to the reserves. Smith said that he would be ready to play after suffering a kidney injury. Former Walgett player, snowy-haired Tony White, 20, showed yesterday he is a capable replacement and will not let the club down if needed in the higher grade. The other casualty, winger Ted Goodwin, still has his injured ankle in plaster but it is not a bad break and club officials have medical advice he will be right in two weeks. From a Kangaroo point of view, former World Cup back Steve Knight showed in patches yesterday that he must still be considered for a place in the 26. **(Sydney Morning Herald 20th August 1973)**

St George finished third on the Rugby League competition table by beating Western Suburbs 20-16 at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Wests' full-back Tony Ford, landed five goals from seven attempts but was overshadowed by Graeme Langlands. The St George captain landed seven goals from eight attempts to give him 169 points for the season. This made him the leading scorer in the competition, four points ahead of Canterbury prop forward Henry Tatana. Eastern Suburbs yesterday swamped Parramatta 41-10 at Sydney Sports Ground in a match which had no bearing on the semi-final positions. **(Daily Telegraph 20th August 1973)**

**Notes:** Jim Murphy demonstrated his value in this game and how much he had been missed during the season because of injuries. He outmuscled the St George pack and Wests were unlucky to lose this game. Stephen Knight was also very dominant, his 70-yard try a beauty. The difference was Graeme Langlands; as Knight said after the match: "He's a freak!" He kicked seven goals and stopped numerous try-scoring movements. The season on paper was disappointing, but the level of injuries had been debilitating.