



# 1970 Round 3 Sunday 12th April Lidcombe Oval



## Canterbury 29

def.

## Western Suburbs 14

Peter INSKIP  
 Doug KELLY  
 Alan BURWELL  
 Ray STRUDWICK  
 Tony BRENTON  
 Dennis SCAHILL  
 Terry REYNOLDS  
 Ron RAPER (c)  
 Nev HORNER  
 Ron COSTELLO  
 Bill NOONAN  
 Col BROWN  
 Norm THOMAS  
 Eddie GRAHAM

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

Tony FORD  
 John FISHER  
 Roy FERGUSON  
 John ELFORD  
 Peter FLANDERS  
 Tom RAUDONIKIS  
 John MAXWELL  
 Rod SMITH  
 John BAKER  
 Barry BRYANT  
 Steve WINTER  
 Ken STONESTREET (c)  
 Tony ANTUNAC



**Tries**  
 Ray STRUDWICK (2)  
 Ron RAPER  
 Tony BRENTON  
 Terry REYNOLDS

John BAKER  
 Rod SMITH

**Goals**  
 Peter INSKIP (7)

Tony FORD (3)  
 Peter FLANDERS (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: J Fisher, R Ferguson, J Elford, P Flanders; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: J Maxwell; forwards: R Smith, J Baker, B Bryant, S Winter, K Stonestreet (c), T Antanuc

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: P Inskip; three-quarters: D Kelly, A Burwell, R Strudwick, T Brenton; five-eighth: D Scahill; half: T Reynolds; forwards: R Raper (c), N Hornery, R Costello, W Noonan, C Brown, N Thomas **Referee: D Lancashire (Rugby League Week 18th April 1970)**

..... Canterbury yesterday played their most impressive football of the premiership. They blitzed Wests in a first-half scoring spree, scoring 22 points in the first 27 minutes against a crumbling Wests' defence. Canterbury had little to do in the second half, but they kept up a solid defensive line. They had been far from impressive in scrambling home against North Sydney and Cronulla in the first two rounds. "I think we may have been a bit complacent in those two games after winning the pre-season competition," team Captain Ron Raper said. "Coach Kevin Ryan straightened us out in a pep talk at training on Tuesday night." Canterbury were certainly businesslike yesterday. Running on to the ball in grand style in the first half, they rattled up quick tries from winger Tony Brenton, half-back Terry Reynolds, lock Ron Raper and centre Ray Strudwick. They never looked like getting into trouble in the second half despite having lost Costello and Burwell at the interval and facing a brisk wind. Wests, a big disappointment yesterday, could make no headway against the close marking Canterbury defence. The Canterbury stars were half-back Reynolds, lock Raper, second-rower Neville Hornery, and young backs Dennis Scahill and Ray Strudwick. Full-back Peter Inskip did his job well and kicked seven goals from nine attempts. Hard-working halves John Maxwell and Tom Raudonikis were the best in a drab Wests' side. A recurrence of a knee injury to full-back Tony Ford added to Wests' woes. **(Daily Telegraph 13th April 1970)**

..... Canterbury yesterday produced their best form of the season to completely outplay Western Suburbs at Lidcombe and won 29-14. But Canterbury may have paid a heavy price for those two valuable competition points. Heading the injury toll was rugged second-rower Ron Costello, who had a broken bone in his left wrist. "I'm pretty sure I've broken a bone in my wrist ... I did it about three weeks ago on the field of the pre-season game against St George," Costello laconically admitted. "I will get the plaster off on Thursday and have my wrist X-rayed again and if it's not too bad I'll play against Souths." Classy centre Alan Burwell, props Bill Noonan and second-rower Ernie Graham all had their thighs encased in ice bags after the game for "corked" thigh muscles. Canterbury weathered a flurry by Wests in the first 10 minutes and then hit back with a storming display that had the match won by half-time when they led 24-5. Canterbury's football in this half, with lock Ron Raper and half-back Terry Reynolds inspiring them, was outstanding. This type of play earned them four tries in 28 minutes. Wests have been enjoying the tag of a "good young team" this season, but it was obvious yesterday that some experience is urgently needed to make the most of the youthful talent. Former Wests' forward Nev Hornery, now with Canterbury, was one of the outstanding players. For Wests, Tony Antunac had a powerful game but lacked support, and John Maxwell was a non-stop worker. **(Sydney Morning Herald 13th April 1970)**

**Notes:** Nev Hornery, as he did quite often, played a blinder against his old club. Unusually, the referee, Don Lancashire, was forced to retire injured. Wests also went on the field after receiving the news that Mick Alchin would be out for at least half a season after a knee operation. In other blows, Tony Ford seriously injured his right knee and Barry Bryant badly corked a thigh. Wests were outplayed badly in the first half but came back strongly after half-time. Tony Antunac, (who had a cup of rum at half-time!), played very strongly, but lacked support.