



1975 Round 4 Sunday 13th April Lidcombe Oval



Canterbury 12

Don MOSELEY
 Chris ANDERSON
 Michael RYAN
 Mark HUGHES
 Tom GILLOGLY
 Peter WINCHESTER
 Tim PICKUP (c)
 John PEEK
 Graeme HUGHES
 Keith HARRIS
 Bill NOONAN
 George PEONIS
 Geoff CONNELL

def.

Western Suburbs 11

John DORAHY
 Don ROGERS
 Stephen KNIGHT
 Robbie PARKER
 Russell MULLINS
 John HEYWARD
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Chris WELLMAN
 Mick LIUBINSKAS
 John DONNELLY
 Pat HUNDY
 Shane DAY
 Jim MURPHY
 Ron GITEAU



Tries

Mark HUGHES
 Don MOSELEY

Don ROGERS (2)
 Stephen KNIGHT

Goals

Don MOSELEY (3)

John DORAHY (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: D Rogers, R Parker, S Knight, R Mullins; five-eighth: J Heyward; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: c Wellman, M Liubinskas, J Donnelly, P Hundy, S Day, J Murphy

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: D Moseley; three-quarters: C Anderson, M Ryan, M Hughes, T Gilloly; five-eighth: P Winchester; half: T Pickup (c); forwards: J Peek, G Hughes, K Harris, G Connell, G Peponis, W Noonan **Referee: R Humphreys (Rugby League Week 19th April 1975)**

Canterbury took their own "Joe Cool" – substitute full-back Don Moseley – to Lidcombe Oval yesterday and he piloted them to a 12-11 win over Wests. His try and three goals were the lament of Wests' fans who have often marvelled at their own full-back John Dorahy, the man they call "Joe Cool." But Dorahy was the villain, missing five attempts at goal, the last two minutes from time, after a great Western Suburbs' try. Moseley won a place in Canterbury's side when Gary Dowling was forced out and it proved a bonus. Two of his goals were from near the touchline and his try came in the fifty-eighth minute after he joined the attack wide out on the wing. The try gave the Berries a 12-6 lead after they trailed 2-6 and their 20-year-old replacement had given more than they could have asked. Yet the drama was not complete. Dorahy was left with the fate of the match in his hands and he failed. After Wests' try two minutes from time in which Dorahy was one of the principals, he faced a match-winning conversion attempt, 28 metres out and 15 metres in from touch. Like four previous attempts, it screwed away and Canterbury were left with the match. ... **(The Sun 14th April 1975)**

.. The hapless Dorahy had one of his worst days with the boot, landing only one goal from six attempts. He made amends for his poor goal-kicking with sound all-round play, but the facts and figures – three tries to two against Canterbury – tell the story of the game. Canterbury, led by determined forwards Bill Noonan and Geoff Connell, looked set for a relatively easy two competition points near full-time. But Western Suburbs replacement winger Don Rogers crossed for his second try to give Dorahy the chance to upset Canterbury. The vital kick went the way of his earlier attempts, much to the anguish of Wests' home-ground crowd. Referee Richie Humphries came under fire for leniency with the five-metre rule. After the match, Wests' coach, Don Parish, criticised Humphries for "not allowing players room to move." Wests went to an early 3-0 lead with Rogers' first try, after Robbie Parker had split the Canterbury defence. Ten minutes before half-time, Tom Raudonikis, the Wests' captain, took a quick tap penalty and then ran 30 metres before passing to Rogers, who put centre Stephen Knight in for a try. Five minutes later, Canterbury scored a great try when centre Mark Hughes finished off a movement started by replacement five-eighth Peter Winchester. Don Moseley kicked his third goal to put Canterbury in front 9-6 at half-time. Canterbury went further ahead 20 minutes into the second half when half-back Tim Pickup short-kicked to the open wing and Moseley, who had joined the backline, went over for an easy try. **(Daily Telegraph 14th April 1975)**

Notes: Wests should have won this match. John Dorahy continued his woeful kicking form. He only kicked one out of six and had a chance to win the match after the bell. Don Rogers, on the comeback trail, scored a good try and left Dorahy with a reasonably simple kick but it sprayed wide like another four had. It was a very closely contested match, where both coaches were critical of the referee for a lax enforcement of the five-yard rule. This was an important loss for Wests who now had won one out of four.