



1971 Round 4 Sunday 18th April Lidcombe Oval



South Sydney 40

def.

Western Suburbs 16

Eric SIMMS
 Keith EDWARDS
 Ray BRANIGHAN
 Bob HONAN
 Alan HEILER
 Denis PITTARD
 Bob GRANT
 Paul SAIT
 Gordon FRASER
 Bob McCARTHY (c)
 John O'NEILL
 Elwyn WALTERS
 Dallas O'NEILL
 George PIGGINS
 Darrel BRAMPTON

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

Tony FORD
 Don ROGERS
 Roy FERGUSON (c)
 Dick TIMBS
 John ELFORD
 Tim MURPPHY
 John MAXWELL
 Rod SMITH
 John BAKER
 Barry BRYANT
 George SKEERS
 Ken STONESTREET
 Bill HANSEN
 Kevin TIMBS



Tries

Bob MCCARTHY (2)
 Denis PITTARD (2)
 Keith EDWARDS
 Bob GRANT
 Alan HEILER
 Bob HONAN

Barry BRYANT
 Roy FERGUSON
 Don ROGERS
 Kevin TIMBS

Goals

Eric SIMMS (8)

Tony FORD (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, R Ferguson (c), R Timbs, J Elford; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: J Maxwell; forwards: R Smith, J Baker, B Bryant, G Skeers, K Stonestreet, W Hansen

South Sydney: Full-back: E Simms; three-quarters: K Edwards, R Branighan, R Honan, A Heiler; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: R Grant; forwards: P Sait, G Fraser, R McCarthy (c), J O'Neill, E Walters, D O'Neill **Referee: G Bennett (Rugby League Week 24th April 1971)**

Souths Rugby League full-back Eric Simms became the first player to score 50 points this season when he kicked eight goals against Wests at Lidcombe Oval. Souths scored eight tries in a runaway 40-16 win. Simms, last year's leading point scorer with 217 points, kicked his eight goals from ten attempts. Simms' record this season of 50 points in four matches is a slightly higher average than his 11 points a game in 1969 when he set a premiership record of 255 points. Wests were outplayed and out-classed. Despite the weak opposition, Souths' win was one of their most impressive of the year. The club's forward reserve strength was fully tested and came through with flying colours. Before the match Souths lost front-rower John Sattler, second-rower Gary Stevens and centre Phil Smith through injury. The toll mounted shortly before half-time when lock Paul Sait limped off with a knee injury. ... Wests, without their star attacker Tom Raudonikis, were a disorganised side. Wests gave their supporters some hope of an upset when they scored two tries to lead 6-5 after 30 minutes. Then Souths quickly took charge and scored two converted tries before half-time. Souths' habit of coasting after establishing a clear lead allowed Wests to score two converted tries before half-time. ... **(Daily Telegraph 19th April 1971)**

South Sydney dotted with reserve-graders, yesterday dumped Western Suburbs 40-16 at Lidcombe Oval. Regulars John Sattler, Gary Stevens and centre Phil Smith were absent, and Paul Sait went off hurt, yet Souths still cantered to eight tries. Stand-in second-rower Gordon Fraser also left the field hurt and the team finished with reserve grade hooker George Piggins packing in the second row. Wests put up a spirited showing early, but once the wheels started to move, Souths raced right away. Wests snatched a 3-0 lead when Barry Bryant and Don Rogers (twice) toed a loose ball for a try by Rogers, and held 6-5 after a good try by prop Kevin Timbs. Then McCarthy scored his first try and right on half-time winger Keith Edwards went in and the game was over. Souths eased up when leading 30-6 and virtually let Wests in for two quick tries. But as if to say "we let you score those", Souths scored two more themselves in the last seven minutes to reach 40. Sait pulled a hamstring and could be in some doubt for next week. Gordon Fraser had his nose broken. **(Sydney Morning Herald 19th April 1971)**

Notes: Wests were well in this game for the first 30 minutes but Souths' class, even with four replacements, started to show. With Peter Flanders gone, Tony Ford came up from thirds to play full-back. Kevin Timbs came on as replacement prop and scored a good try. Although missing Raudonikis (replaced by John Maxwell), this was still a very poor performance. Don Rogers' spectacular dribbling try was a highlight for Wests in a drab display.