1969 Round 4 Saturday 19th April Cricket Ground

South Sydney 20   def.   Western Suburbs 10

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Eric SIMMS	*Fullback*	Tony FORD
Mike CLEARY	*Wing*	John FISHER
Bob HONAN	*Centre*	Nev HORNERY
Keith BURKE	*Centre*	Barry GLASGOW
Brian JAMES	*Wing*	Mick ALCHIN
Dennis PITTARD	*Five-eighth*	Tim MURPHY
Bob GRANT	*Half*	Bruce BEER
Ron COOTE	*Lock*	John BAKER
Bob MOSES	*Second Row*	Jim CODY
Paul SAIT	*Second Row*	Barry BRYANT
John O'NEILL	*Front Row*	Steve WINTER
Elwyn WALTERS	*Hooker*	Ken STONESTREET
John SATTLER (c)	*Front Row*	Noel KELLY (c)
Greg NORGARD	*Replacement*	

Tries	Greg NORGARD	
	Paul SAIT	
Goals	Eric SIMMS (5)	Barry GLASGOW (3)
	Bob GRANT (1) Field Goal	Barry GLASGOW (2) Field goals
	Bob HONAN (1) Field goal	

Match Description
Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: N Hornery, J Fisher, B Glasgow, M Alchin; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: B Beer; forwards: J Baker, J Cody, B Bryant, N Kelly (c), K Stonestreet, S Winter
South Sydney: Full-back: E Simms; three-quarters: M Cleary, R Honan, K Burke, B James; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: R Grant; forwards: R Coote, R Moses, P Sait, J Sattler (c), E Walters, J O'Neill   **Referee: L Samuelson   (Sun 18th April 1969)**

Rugby League premiers South Sydney yesterday spanked the tails of the youthful Western Suburbs side for the second time this season. Souths were too strong and too clever for Wests in a convincing 20-10 victory at the Sydney Cricket Ground. The match in many ways was a carbon copy of the pre-season competition final in which Souths defeated Wests 19-7. It was the most dramatic game of the season. One man ordered off …. Two players allegedly bitten … and 15 cautions were part of the story. Souths showed all the class of a premier side when they took charge of the match in the last 20 minutes, though a man short. Referee Les Samuelson signalled Souths second-row Bob Moses to the dressing room after Moses had pole-axed Wests' full-back, Tony Ford, for the second time in the match. Moses, who will be charged with a stiff-arm tackle, was hooted by spectators as he left the field. Earlier, in a torrid first half, he had been cautioned after laying out Ford with a shoulder charge as the Wests' full-back sent a clearing kick away. The match was fiery from the opening whistle. Referee Samuelson had a tough task to keep matters under control. He cautioned 15 players for illegalities. … It was "on" from the outset yesterday. Punches, high tackles … these were the order of the day yesterday. … Wests went into the match hopeful that the lessons they had learned in the pre-season competition final would benefit them. But it was not to be. Again Souths were the masters, and Wests the pupils. Not that Souths had things their way – far from it. Souths were down 6-4 at the interval, and the match was very much in the balance. But from the second minute in the second half, when Souths' big front-rower John O'Neill ploughed through to send centre Greg Norgard over, Souths were back in command. Their quick-moving defence nullified Wests' attack. Wests' backline, disorganised by injury, had no chance to settle down. But the foundation of Souths' win was in the forwards. Souths' pack eventually got over the top of the Wests' forwards after a gripping struggle. The accurate kicking boots of Barry Glasgow kept Wests in the hunt. Glasgow had a faultless day – two field goals from two attempts, and three penalty goals from three attempts. He took over the goal-kicking after full-back Tony Ford had missed two early shots and then taken the first of his heavy knocks from Moses. Wests big chance to get a winning break came in the first 25 minutes. In that period, hooker Ken Stonestreet won seven successive scrums. Souths' hooker Elwyn Walters did not win his first scrum until the 23rd minute of play. But Wests – even with this glut of possession – made little headway against Souths' tight line of defence. When Souths started to win the ball in the second half, it was obvious they would be hard to hold off. Walters finished one ahead 15-14, in his scrum duel with Stonestreet. Souths gradually crept ahead in the second half with a string of goals by full-back Eric Simms. The clincher came in the last few minutes when front-rower John Sattler sent second-rower Paul Sait through Wests' forwards to score. Sait, a late replacement for Bob McCarthy, and centre Bob Honan were Souths' stars. …. **(Sunday Telegraph 20th April 1969)**

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Notes: Souths were able to win even though Bob Moses was sent off for a head-high tackle after 60 minutes. It was a very rugged, spiteful game where 12 players received ambulance attention. Tim Murphy more than held his own against Dennis Pittard but in the end it was Souths' rugged tackling that was the winning factor.