



# 1975 Round 5 Saturday 19th April Cricket Ground



## Eastern Suburbs 22

def.

## Western Suburbs 16

Russell FAIRFAX  
 Ian SCHUBERT  
 John BRASS  
 Mark HARRIS  
 Bruce PICKETT  
 John PEARD  
 John MAYES  
 Ron COOTE  
 Barry REILLY  
 Kevin STEVENS  
 Arthur BEETSON (c)  
 Elwyn WALTERS  
 Dennis TUTTY

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

John DORAHY  
 Don ROGERS  
 Stephen KNIGHT  
 Robbie PARKER  
 Russell MULLINS  
 Tim MURPHY  
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
 Chris WELLMAN  
 Jim MURPHY  
 Geoff FOSTER  
 John DONNELLY  
 Shane DAY  
 Mick LIUBINSKAS



**Tries** John MAYES (3)  
 Mark HARRIS

John DORAHY  
 Stephen KNIGHT

**Goals** John BRASS (5)

John DORAHY (5)

### Match Description

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

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: R Fairfax; three-quarters: I Schubert, J Brass, M Harris, B Pickett; five-eighth: J Peard; half: J Mayes; forwards: R Coote, B Reilly, K Stevens, A Beetson (c), E Walters, D Tutty **Referee: K Page (Rugby League Week 26th April 1975)**

East's John Mayes backed up to score his third try just before full-time to seal a spirited 22-16 win over Wests in the Rugby League game at the SCG yesterday. As well as Mayes' try, Mark Harris scored a converted try for Easts and Stephen Knight scored a converted try for Wests in a thrilling final seven minutes. Centre John Brass kicked a penalty goal from 36 metres in the fourth minute to put Easts ahead 2-0. Two minutes later Mark Harris knocked-on and Elwyn Walters fell on the ball in an off-side position, incurring a penalty. Wests' full-back John Dorahy goaled to equalise. Wests' lock Chris Wellman broke clear in the 17th minute and passed to Shane Day who was tackled by John Peard just short of Easts' tryline. With the Roosters' defence in disarray, Dorahy ran from dummy half to score a try, which he converted, to put Wests ahead 7-2. Two 40-metre runs by winger Ian Schubert twice got Easts out of trouble. John Peard broke clear and passed inside to Mark Harris, but the big Easts' centre spilled the ball, blowing a try-scoring situation. Easts won only their first scrum in the 26th minute after Wests had raked in the previous four. Harris broke clear shortly after, but threw a bad high pass which winger Bruce Pickett was unable to hold and Easts missed another great chance. In the 35th minute after Wests were penalised, second-rower Kevin Stevens took a tap kick and passed to full-back Russell Fairfax who gave a return pass to Stevens on the burst. He passed inside to half John Mayes who scored between the posts. Brass converted to level the scores 7-7. After weathering a heavy attacking storm from the plucky Wests team, Mayes was in again between the posts only four minutes later. Arthur Beetson got his pass away while standing in a crowd of tacklers and Walters passed on to Mayes. **(Sunday Mirror 20th April 1975)**

Johnny Mayes – in reserve grade three weeks ago – is now pressing Tom Raudonikis for the representative half-back spot. Mayes collected three tries against Wests at the SCG on Saturday and completely outplayed Raudonikis to spearhead Easts' 22-16 win. A near-full complement of representative selectors were on hand to watch Mayes give a faultless exhibition of backing-up to score his hat-trick. His last try was a gem. Tackled at the scrum-base by Raudonikis he still managed to get his pass away, get off the ground and be on the spot to take a Ron Coote pass to score. Raudonikis looked jaded, but he was behind a pack which was outclassed for most of the game. Wests led 7-2 early but two Mayes' tries in five minutes late in the half sealed the game for the Roosters. **(The Sun 21st April 1975)**

**Notes:** Wests tried hard in this match and the final score makes them look competitive but they were outplayed most of the day. John Mayes had a blinder, outplaying Raudonikis on the day. Pat Hundy had been dropped for Geoff Foster but the Wests' pack could not get on top and the backline also failed to function. At least Dorahy found his kicking boots again with five good goals. For Wests, Wellman and Donnelly were the best, while there were critics of Liubinskas' poor form.