



1972 Round 6 Tuesday 25th April Endeavour Field



Western Suburbs 18

def.

Cronulla-Sutherland 12

Tony FORD
 Don ROGERS
 Stephen KNIGHT
 Stephen SATTERLY
 Allan ASHMORE
 John HEYWARD
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 John BAKER
 John ELFORD
 Olaf PRATTL
 John O'BRYAN
 Jim CROUCHER
 John WALKER
 Barry BRYANT

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

John GLASSINGTON
 Ray CORCORAN
 Barry ANDREWS
 Eric ARCHER
 Dave COTTER
 Kevin HOGAN
 Fred DENNEHY
 Barry REILLY
 John MAGUIRE
 Ken MADDISON (c)
 Greg ALLEN
 Gary STEWART
 Alan KENNINGTON

Tries

Don ROGERS
 Barry BRYANT

Ray CORCORAN
 Barry REILLY

Goals

Tony FORD (6)

Barry ANDREWS (3)

Match Description

Cronulla-Sutherland: Full-back: John Glassington; three-quarters: R Corcoran, B Andrews, E Archer, D Cotter; five-eighth: K Hogan; half: F Dennehy; forwards; B Reilly, J Maguire, K Maddison (c), G Allen, G Stewart, A Kennington

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, S Knight, S Satterly, A Ashmore ; five-eighth: J Heyward; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: J Baker, B Bryant, J O'Bryan, J Croucher, J Walker **Referee: G Bennett (The Sun 24th April 1972)**

Full-back Tony Ford yesterday kicked Western Suburbs to an 18-12 victory against Cronulla-Sutherland with six goals from nine attempts at Endeavour Field. Wests looked set for a runaway win when they led 14-2 five minutes into the second half. Cronulla came right back into the running in the 15th minute with a converted try by lock-forward Barry Reilly. Ford then kicked his sixth goal to give Wests a 16-7 lead. Ten minutes from the end it was anyone's game again when winger Ray Corcoran crossed between the posts for Cronulla and Barry Andrews landed his third goal. Cronulla then trailed by only 12-16. Ford's final goal six minutes from the end sealed the game for Wests.

In the second half Wests clearly showed the after-effects of Sunday's hard game against Manly. Gary Stewart finished 19-15 in front in the set scrums for Cronulla, but penalties favoured Wests 9-7. Tommy Bishop, the Cronulla coach, blamed bad handling and positional play for his side's defeat. Despite this, second-rower and skipper Ken Maddison had a strong game, gaining vital breaks and running with great determination. For Wests, nippy half-back Tom Raudonikis was unflinching in attack and always busy in cover defence. Second-rowers Barry Bryant and John Elford also had good games for Wests. Stephen Knight, the former Rugby Union international centre, had a quiet but efficient game. He paved the way for winger Don Rogers to score between the posts in the opening half. **(Daily Telegraph 26th April 1972)**

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Notes: Played on Anzac Day, only two days after their Sunday match against Manly-Warringah, Wests played strongly, although the forwards were feeling the pinch late in the second half. Barry Bryant, obviously stung by being dropped, played a blinder and led a rampaging first-half forward pack. Tony Ford's six out of nine goals was the ultimate difference. This was a much-needed win and put the season back on track.