



1970 Round 6 Sunday 3rd May Lidcombe Oval



St George 20

def.

Western Suburbs 8

Graeme LANGLANDS (c)
 Warren THOMPSON
 Denis PRESTON
 Dennis BRANDLEY
 John KING
 Phil HAWTHORNE
 Bill SMITH
 Peter FITZGERALD
 Barry BEATH
 Keith MADDISON
 John WITTENBERG
 Col RASMUSSEN
 Grahame BOWEN

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

John FISHER
 Don ROGERS
 Roy FERGUSON (c)
 Derek BROUWER
 Peter FLANDERS
 Tom RAUDONIKIS
 John MAXWELL
 Barry BRYANT
 John BAKER
 Jim CODY
 John ARMSTRONG
 Ken STONESTREET
 Tony ANTUNAC



Tries

Barry BEATH
 Graeme LANGLANDS
 Keith MADDISON
 John WITTENBERG

Roy FERGUSON
 Don ROGERS

Goals

Graeme LANGLANDS (4)

Peter FLANDERS (1)

Match Description

St George: Full-back: G Langlands (c); three-quarters: W Thompson, D Preston, D Brandley, J King; five-eighth: P Hawthorne; half: W Smith; forwards: P Fitzgerald, B Beath, K Maddison, J Wittenberg, C Rasmussen, G Bowen

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Fisher; three-quarters: P Flanders, D Brouwer, R Ferguson (c), D Rogers; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: J Maxwell; forwards: B Bryant, J Baker, J Cody, J Armstrong, K Stonestreet, A Antunac **Referee: D Lancashire (Rugby League Week 9th May 1970)**

John Wittenberg yesterday led St George to a convincing 20-8 Rugby League win against Western Suburbs at Lidcombe Oval. Wittenberg scored a try and sent full-back Graeme Langlands in for another. After nine minutes Wittenberg crashed over from dummy half for Saints opening try. After that, St George never looked in danger. Both sides dropped passes and missed tackles. Western Suburbs were frequently caught flat-footed, despite a non-stop effort by half John Maxwell to get his side moving. Maxwell made his team's second try two minutes from full-time. He kicked infield for Captain Roy Ferguson to collect and score. Wests' hooker Ken Stonestreet gave his team every chance of winning. He won the scrums 8-1 in the first half and finished 13-12 ahead overall. Saints' defence, led by half Billy Smith, cut short Wests' moves. Smith's cover and drive from the scrum base should have enhanced his chances of finding a berth in the City Firsts. His five-eighth Phil Hawthorne had a patchy game. He sent a floating pass on the Wests' tryline for winger Don Rogers to intercept and score Wests' first try. Rogers kicked ahead over Langlands' head, recovered and out-paced the St George back-line to score in the corner. Rogers should have scored a try four minutes into the second half. He backed up prop John Armstrong who ducked under a tangle of attempted head-high tackles. Armstrong did not see the unmarked winger beside him when tackled 20 yards short of the line. Wests held St George to a 9-5 lead until 23 minutes into the second half when Langlands provided the spark for his side's final drive. He raced in from "nowhere" to find a pass from Wittenberg who appeared held after a mid-field break. Langlands was untouched as he raced to score between the posts. He converted for Saints to lead 14-5. Second-rowers Keith Maddison and Barry Beath added tries in quick succession. **(Daily Telegraph 4th May 1970)**

... St George, after being held to a four-point lead, stormed through for three tries in the last 15 minutes to finish comfortable winners. The win assured Saints of the match of the day against South Sydney next Saturday. ... St George yesterday came up with the pack they have been searching for all this season. The inclusion of Grahame Bowen as prop and Peter Fitzgerald as lock, and the shifting of Keith Maddison to the second row, gave them the strength and experience they wanted. It was the crushing work of the pack, spearheaded by Wittenberg over the last 15 minutes, that gave their team a 12 point win. With St George leading only 9-5, Wittenberg, who had scored his team's first try after 10 minutes, surged through a ruck, defenders bouncing off him. The big fellow found the remarkable Graeme Langlands looming up beside him and slipped the full-back the ball, Langlands stepped around Wests' full-back John Fisher, and crossed. It was an indication of the pack's late domination of the match that second-rowers Maddison and Barry Beath also scored tries. Wests finished with two tries, the first by winger Don Rogers; probably the best of the match. Wests also seemed to lack any real purpose in attack. **(Sydney Morning Herald 4th May 1970)**

Notes: Roy Ferguson was appointed Captain for the first time. Barry Bryant, playing out of position at lock, replacing Rod Smith, had a very strong game. Jim Cody was back in Firsts and also played powerfully. Roy Ferguson blew a certain crucial try when he didn't pass to an unmarked Don Rogers. Wests were right in the match until that error.