



1979 Round 7 Sunday 6th May Kogarah Oval



St George 25

Brian JOHNSON
 Steve BUTLER
 Graham QUINN
 Robert FINCH
 Michael SORRIDINI
 Tony TRUDGETT
 Steve MORRIS
 Graeme WYNN
 George GRANT
 Rod REDDY
 Craig YOUNG (c)
 John DOWLING
 Bruce STARKEY
 Robert STONE

def.

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

Western Suburbs 10

Buddy CAIN
 Wayne SMITH
 Mark BEAVEN
 John DORAHY
 Warren BOLAND
 Don MOSELEY
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Graeme O'GRADY
 Gerard CROWE
 Ray BROWN
 John DONNELLY
 Jack JEFFRIES
 Bill CLOUGHESY



Tries Bruce STARKEY (2)
 John DOWLING (2)
 Michael SORRIDINI

Wayne SMITH
 Tom RAUDONIKIS

Goals George GRANT (5)

John DORAHY (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: E Cain; three-quarters: W Smith, M Beavan, J Dorahy, W Boland; five-eighth: D Moseley; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: G O'Grady, G Crowe, R Brown, J Donnelly, J Jeffries, W Cloughesy

St George: Full-back: B Johnson; three-quarters: S Butler, G Quinn, R Finch, M Sorridini; five-eighth: T Trudgett; half: S Morris; forwards: G Wynn, R Reddy, G Grant, C Young (c), J Dowling, B Starkey **Referee: K Roberts (Rugby League Week 10th May 1979)**

Test prop Craig Young, revelling in English-style conditions, yesterday produced his best game this season to lead St George to a 25-10 victory over Western Suburbs at Kogarah Oval. Young, under criticism before the match because of recent quiet displays, showed the form that six months ago made him probably the most feared forward in the world. The football was hard and tough from the start, and with Young demanding respect in the forwards, Saints turned on a brilliant display of wet weather football. Apart from one blemish when Wests' captain Tom Raudonikis slipped past him for a try early in the match., Young, in the conditions he starred in on the Kangaroo tour, menaced Wests all afternoon. The loss has left Wests in a shaky situation with one of the biggest injury tolls for a couple of seasons. John Donnelly, who only a month ago smashed his jaw against Eastern Suburbs, was a shock inclusion in Wests' team when two forwards declared themselves unavailable with injuries only an hour before the match. On Saturday, Peter Young was very doubtful so coach Roy Masters put Bruce Gibbs on standby but both came to the ground carrying injuries. "Donnelly was cleared to play by the doctor last Wednesday but I wanted to give him another week off," Masters said after the match. "When we had Gibbs and Young pulling out, John asked me could he play and I had to let him because the reserves were already playing." Crack centre John Dorahy was another addition to Wests shocking injury list yesterday as the club crashed to its third successive defeat. He had problems with an ankle injury in the first half, then moved to the wing but had to be replaced in the second half. Wests now have eight capable first graders: Young, Gibbs, Dorahy, Les Boyd, Pat Hundy, John Heyward, Ron Brodrick and Ron Giteau in serious doubt for next weekend's match against Newtown. Also, centre Mark Beavan could be suspended when he faces the NSW rugby league judiciary tonight after being sent from the field, charged with "using a high tackle" in the second half. Wests were not too happy about Beavan's dismissal for the tackle on tiny St George half, Steve Morris. Officials were correctly claiming that it would have been a waist-high tackle on most other players. **(Daily Telegraph 7th May 1979)**

Notes: Played in heavy conditions there were some torrid forward clashes. The extent of the injury list (eight regular first-graders) became evident before the match when Bruce Gibbs and Peter Young were late withdrawals, forcing John Donnelly to play in borrowed gear after still recovering from a broken jaw. John Dorahy was also a passenger for the match after being smashed early for the third game in a row. It didn't help that Mark Beavan was sent off late and St George ran in two quick tries. Gerard Crowe debuted in the second row.