1970 Round 7 Saturday 9th May North Sydney Oval

Western Suburbs 15   def.   North Sydney 12

Western Suburbs		North Sydney
John FISHER	*Fullback*	John SNEDDON
Don ROGERS	*Wing*	Ken IRVINE (c)
Derek BROUWER	*Centre*	Owen O'DONNELL
Roy FERGUSON (c)	*Centre*	Warren EVANS
Peter FLANDERS	*Wing*	George AMBRUM
Tom RAUDONIKIS	*Five-eighth*	Graham WILLIAMS
John MAXWELL	*Half*	Bob LANG
Barry BRYANT	*Lock*	John McDONELL
John BAKER	*Second Row*	Noel CAVANAGH
Jim CODY	*Second Row*	John SULLIVAN
John ARMSTRONG	*Front Row*	Glen WHITNEY
Ken STONESTREET	*Hooker*	Ross WARNER
John WALSH	*Front Row*	Jim MILLS
Jeff NIELSON	*Replacement*	Barry GLASGOW
Doug PAGE	*Replacement*	

Tries	Derek BROUWER	Ken IRVINE
		Graham WILLIAMS
Goals	Peter FLANDERS (6)	Noel CAVANAGH (2)
		Bob LANG (1) Field goal

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Fisher; three-quarters: D Rogers, R Ferguson (c), D Brouwer, P Flanders; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: J Maxwell; forwards: B Bryant, J Baker, J Cody, J Armstrong, K Stonestreet, J Walsh

North Sydney: Full-back: J Sneddon; three-quarters: K Irvine, O O'Donnell. W Evans, G Ambrum; five-eighth: G Williams; half: R Lang; forwards: J McDonell, J Sullivan, N Cavanagh, G Whitney, R Warner, J Mills   **Referee: L Samuelson   (Rugby League Week 10th May 1970)**

The North Sydney Rugby League image slipped another notch yesterday when Western Suburbs triumphed 15-12 at North Sydney Oval. Norths, tipped to be on the road to success after their win against Cronulla a week earlier, revealed all their old weaknesses yesterday. They dropped passes and forgot all about backing up. One of the smallest crowds of the season, 4,610, watched Wests win all three grades in blustery conditions. Diminutive winger Peter Flanders enjoyed one of his most thrilling days in football when he kicked Wests to victory. He landed six goals from 10 attempts in the tricky wind to clinch the win. Flanders, 20, joined Wests from Coffs Harbour three years ago. He has taken over as Wests' top kicker only since full-back Tony Ford has been out with injury. "Today was definitely my best kicking effort since I joined Wests, but I twice kicked 11 goals in matches up north," he said. Flanders, who is a nugget 5ft, 5in, also has a sharp turn of speed and is an elusive stepper. Wests' win was most meritorious, considering they lost hooker Ken Stonestreet with concussion at half-time. Stonestreet was replaced by reserve grader Jeff Nielson who, playing with inexperienced props, was beaten 13-7 in the second half scrums. Wests were beaten 22-14 overall in the scrums but Norths could do little to breach the tight defence. Norths' brightest moments came in the opening minutes of each half. Centre Owen O'Donnell made a strong break down the centre six minutes after the start which resulted in five-eighth Graham Williams scoring near the posts. Four goals from Flanders gave Wests an 8-7 lead at half-time but Captain Ken Irvine regained the lead for Norths with a converted try early in the second half. Referee Les Samuelson caned Norths with penalties, particularly in the second half. This enabled Wests, who were virtually playing without the ball, to repel the Norths' attack. Lock Barry Bryant, front-rower John Armstrong and second-rower Jim Cody until he left the field injured, were Wests' best players. Cody suffered a severe rib injury and was replaced by Doug Page in the second half. … Glasgow, having his initial first grade match since joining Norths this year received no opportunities to kick goals. Welsh prop Jim Mills had a very quiet game for Norths and was over-shadowed by Armstrong. **(Sunday Telegraph 10th May 1970)**

…. Wests' forwards were strong but the plaudits went to the "little men", halves John Maxwell and Tom Raudonikis and winger Peter Flanders, who kicked six out of 10. Norths won the scrums at a rate of two to one in the second half and appeared set to win when Ken Irvine crossed for a converted try after only seven minutes for Norths to lead 12-8. But like so often in the past, Norths "cracked" when the pressure was on and mid-way through the second half centre Derek Brouwer crossed for his team's only try. ………….. **(Sun-Herald 10th May 1970)**

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Notes: Peter Flanders, marking the champion Ken Irvine, had another great match and was stamping himself as one of Sydney's best wingers. In a match played in very blustery conditions, Ken Stonestreet was heavily concussed and was replaced by Jeff Nielson, who lost the second half scrums badly. Jim Cody also injured his ribs and was replaced by Doug Page. Wests won the match when their forwards held their own against the huge Norths' pack in a fiery clash, where 11 cautions were handed out. Brouwer's try was scored after a sweeping backline movement.