



1971 Round 7 Sunday 9th May Endeavour Field



Cronulla 22

Les BELL
Ray CORCORAN
Greg PIERCE
Dave COTTER
Peter O'BRIEN
Kevin HOGAN
Tommy BISHOP (c)
Chris WELLMAN
Dave COOPER
Rod URQUHART
Alan KENNINGTON
Ron TURNER
Greg ALLEN

def.

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

Western Suburbs 8

Tony FORD
Don ROGERS
John ELFORD
Noel HURFORD
Wayne MERRY
Tim MURPHY
Tom RAUDONIKIS
Rod SMITH
John BAKER
Barry BRYANT
George SKEERS
Ken STONESTREET
Jim CODY (c)
Steve WINTER
Tony ANTUNAC



Tries Kevin HOGAN (2)
Ray CORCORAN
Rod URQUHART

Wayne MERRY
Barry BRYANT

Goals Dave COTTER (5)

Tony FORD (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, J Elford, N Hurford, W Merry; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: T Raudonikis; forwards: R Smith, B Bryant, J Baker, J Cody (c), K Stonestreet, G Skeers

Cronulla-Sutherland: Full-back: L Bell; three-quarters: R Corcoran, G Pierce, D Cotter, P O'Brien; five-eighth: K Hogan; half: T Bishop (c); forwards: C Wellman, D Cooper, R Urquhart, A Kennington, R Turner, G Allen

Referee: L Samuelson (Rugby League Week 15th May 1971)

A Magpie bit a shark at Endeavour Field yesterday. This was the odd news coming out of the League match in which Cronulla beat Wests 22-8. Midway through the second half, Cronulla second-rower got up from a scuffle, shaking his left hand vigorously. In the dressing room after the game, he showed distinct teeth marks on the top joint of a finger. It was more than just a peck. "It hurt like mad," said Urquhart. But later he laughed the incident off saying, "Maybe I shouldn't have pulled my hand away so quickly." However, the more serious injuries were found in the Wests' dressing room, captain Jim Cody being so affected by a head injury that he was taken to hospital for an X-ray. Wests' winger Wayne Merry had a lip wound stitched. Urquhart was one of the stars in a Cronulla victory which was pretty evident after winger Corcoran had put the ball down for a try with only six minutes gone. ... **(The Sun 10th May 1971)**

... Even players with the ability of half-back Tom Raudonikis and second-rower Barry Bryant were kept quiet as Cronulla piled on four tries to two. Defence lapses proved costly for Wests. Cronulla winger Ray Corcoran weaved his way through several tackles in a 35-yard run to open the scoring. Cronulla centre Dave Cotter kicked five goals from five attempts – two from near the touchline. This was the first time Cronulla had used him as a goal-kicker. Cotter, who usually plays on the wing, transferred from Newtown to Cronulla this season on a fee of \$1000. Five-eighth Kevin Hogan capped a great game by scoring two tries, both from lead-up work by Bishop. Wests' Captain Jim Cody had a precautionary X-ray after the game for a suspected cheek fracture. Winger Wayne Merry had six stitches inserted in a cut mouth. John Baker remained in the dressing room after half-time with an injured knee. His replacement, Steve Winter, had to leave the field after only 10 minutes with a recurrence of a knee injury. There was plenty of fire in the match, a lot of it aimed at Bishop. Referee Les Samuelson issued 11 cautions. **(Daily Telegraph 10th May 1971)**

Cronulla-Sutherland returned to the Rugby league winning list yesterday with a resounding 22-8 victory over Western Suburbs at Endeavour Field. Second-rower Rod Urquhart and Tommy Bishop, half-back and skipper, spearheaded the determined Cronulla team's effort. ... Wests lost second-rower John Baker at half-time with a pulled leg muscle. Steve Winter, who replaced him, also went off with a knee injury. He was replaced by Tony Antunac. **(Sydney Morning Herald 10th May 1971)**

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Notes: Noel Hurford debuted, coming in for an injured Dick Timbs. This continued a horror run of injuries. John Baker injured a knee and was replaced by Steve Winter, who also injured his knee again and was also replaced by Tony Antunac. Jim Cody also suffered a serious head injury. Tommy Raudonikis was over-shadowed by the mercurial Tommy Bishop, but he was playing behind a pack that was being badly beaten.