



1973 Round 8 Sunday 13th May Redfern Oval



South Sydney 19

def.

Western Suburbs 12

Eric SIMMS
 Keith EDWARDS
 Jeff WILLIAMS
 Ross BIRRELL
 Tom MOONEY
 Dennis PITTARD
 Peter BROWN
 Rod URQUHART
 Bob McCARTHY (c)
 Greg LONGHURST
 Bob BROAD
 Elwyn WALTERS
 Steve REILLY
 John SCHMITZER
 Bill MOORE

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

Tony FORD
 Allan ASHMORE
 Stephen KNIGHT
 Robbie PARKER
 Russell MULLINS
 John HEYWARD
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Neville SINCLAIR
 Barry BRYANT
 John BAKER
 John O'BRYAN
 Shane DAY
 Nick MOROKO



Tries Ross BIRRELL (2)
 Peter BROWN

Neville SINCLAIR
 Stephen KNIGHT

Goals Eric SIMMS (5)

Tony FORD (3)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back: E Simms; three-quarters: K Edwards, J Williams, R Birrell, T Mooney; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: P Brown; forwards: R Urquhart, G Longhurst, R Broad, R McCarthy, E Walters, S Reilly

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: A Ashmore, S Knight, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: J Heyward; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: N Sinclair, J Baker, B Bryant, J O'Bryan, S Day, N Moroko **Referee: K Holman (Rugby League Week 17th May 1973)**

South Sydney yesterday paraded their Rugby League "new faces" pack for 1973 to defeat Wests 19-12 at Redfern Oval. Souths' Test second-rower Bobby McCarthy was the only regular first grade forward to finish the match. Without injured second-rowers Paul Sait and Gary Stevens, and hooker George Piggins (suspended) Souths lost the last of their established stars in the final minutes. Test hooker Elwyn Walters and lock Rod Urquhart were both helped from the field with leg injuries. Walters, chosen last night as City Firsts hooker, will have to recover from a painful knee injury to hold his place. Ambulancemen carried him to the dressing-room on a stretcher only minutes before Urquhart limped off with an ankle injury. Replacement forwards, John Schmitzer and Bill Moore, completed an unusual South Sydney first grade pack. Down 0-5 after 30 minutes, Souths pulled up to 5-all at half-time and had the game well in hand during the second half. Better handling in a loose match, coupled with accurate goal-kicking from full-back Eric Simms proved Souths' trump cards. Simms landed five goals from seven attempts in a smart all-round performance. Simms excepted, former Rugby Union players dominated the scoring with Steve Knight scoring one of Wests' two tries and Souths' centre Ross Birrell scoring two and half Peter Brown one. Promoted second-rower Greg Longhurst turned in a strong defensive effort for Souths which will probably keep him in first grade next week. **(Daily Telegraph 14th May 1973)**

South Sydney Rugby League team had to make two more changes to an already makeshift pack before beating Western Suburbs 19-12 at Redfern Oval yesterday. World Cup hooker Elwyn Walters and lock Rod Urquhart were casualties and they were replaced by forwards new to first grade. Souths made much more of their opportunities than Wests and, after levelling at 5-all at half-time, they came away in the second half. But neither side added any sparkle to a disappointing round. Eric Simms proved Souths' greatest asset with accurate goal-kicking and a near-perfect defensive display. Simms broke up two of Wests' rare attacking efforts when tries appeared likely in the first half. Wests led for most of the opening half. When Elwyn Walters attempted to find touch Knight fielded the ball on the full and ran 65 yards unopposed to the line. Centre Ross Birrell opened Souths' scoring when he was on the spot after prop Bob Broad had made a break and Walters had drawn Wests' full-back Tony Ford. Birrell put his side out of danger when he ran off Rod Urquhart and Greg Longhurst to score 13 minutes from the finish. Half-back Peter Brown and second-rower Greg Longhurst were among Souths' better players, with Brown providing much of what little positive attack was to be seen. Tom Raudonikis used the game to consolidate his claims to selection in City Firsts. **(Sydney Morning Herald 14th May 1973)**

Notes: This was a lively, yet very tight, game, marred by poor handling. Wests had many scoring chances but last-ditch Souths' tackling kept them out. The centre combination of Parker and Knight was becoming formidable but Raudonikis was again a standout as Wests' best player.