1970 Round 8 Sunday 17th May Endeavour Field

Western Suburbs 17   def.   Cronulla-Sutherland 15

Western Suburbs	Position	Cronulla-Sutherland
John FISHER	*Fullback*	Brian COX
Don ROGERS	*Wing*	Ray CORCORAN
Derek BROUWER	*Centre*	Greg PIERCE
Roy FERGUSON (c)	*Centre*	Bob WEAR
Peter FLANDERS	*Wing*	Paul LENNON
Tom RAUDONIKIS	*Five-eighth*	Kevin HOGAN
John MAXWELL	*Half*	Tommy BISHOP (c)
Rod SMITH	*Lock*	Rod URQUHART
John BAKER	*Second Row*	John MAGUIRE
Barry BRYANT	*Second Row*	Ron TURNER
John ARMSTRONG	*Front Row*	George TAYLFORTH
Ken STONESTREET	*Hooker*	Dave COOPER
John WALSH	*Front Row*	John KAY

Tries	Roy FERGUSON	Tommy BISHOP
	Don ROGERS	Brian COX
	John WALSH	Rod URQUHART
Goals	Peter FLANDERS (4)	George TAYLFORTH (3)

Match Description

Cronulla-Sutherland: Full-back: B Cox; three-quarters: R Corcoran, G Pierce, R Wear, P Lennon; five-eighth: K Hogan; half: T Bishop (c); forwards: R Urquhart, J Maguire, R Turner, G Taylforth, D Cooper, J Kay

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: R Smith, J Baker, B Bryant, J Armstrong, K Stonestreet, J Walsh   **Referee: L Samuelson   (Rugby League Week 23rd May 1970)**

Western Suburbs yesterday defeated Cronulla 17-15 at Endeavour Field before the smallest crowd of the season. Only 3531 spectators watched the hard-fought match. Both teams scored three tries. Wests' goal-kicking winger Peter Flanders provided the difference. Flanders landed four goals from eight attempts, while front-rower George Taylforth gave Cronulla three goals from six attempts. Cronulla held a territorial advantage for most of the game, but their attack often broke down with bad handling. Five-eighth Tom Raudonikis had an outstanding game for Wests. Wests' centre Roy Ferguson scored the best try of the match. He kicked ahead over Cronulla full-back Brian Cox, regained possession and scored between the posts after a 50-yard run. Second-rower John Baker and lock Rod Smith led Wests' forwards in attack and defence. … **(Daily Telegraph 18th May 1970)**

Western Suburbs shaded Cronulla-Sutherland 17-15 in the Rugby League match at Endeavour Field yesterday. Wests led 7-5 at half-time. Each side scored three tries. Peter Flanders kicked four goals for Wests, while George Taylforth could manage only three for Cronulla. Blustery conditions made the ball hard to hold and many passing movements by both sides broke down through handling lapses. Western Suburbs took the lead in the first few minutes of the game when winger Don Rogers raced 25 yards for a try, after taking a pass from five-eighth Tom Raudonikis. Cronulla replied soon afterwards, when lock Rod Urquhart scored from a run of 30 yards, in which he beat several tackles. Western Suburbs started off the second half impressively, and went to a 12-5 lead when centre Roy Ferguson scored after kicking over the head of Cronulla full-back Brian Cox. Then Cronulla Captain-coach Tommy Bishop scored from a scrum inside Wests' 25, to bring Cronulla within two points again. Wests forwards then combined to send front-row forward John Walsh in for a try. Cronulla fought back and, when Western Suburbs lost possession at its 25, Cox raced through to score. **(Sydney Morning Herald 18th May 1970)**

Cronulla's dedicated band of supporters left Endeavour Field at dusk last Sunday wondering when their team is finally going to "click." Cronulla should have beaten Wests. … .. But it would be hard to detract from the Magpies' win. Second-rower John Baker spent the whole game running Wests' forwards into the attack. Then in defence he shared the honours with lock Rod Smith for taking much of the bite from the Sharks' attack. Half John Maxwell came through strongly, although shaded by his rival Bishop, the former English Captain. Five-eighth Tom Raudonikis showed the attacking form captain Roy Ferguson and coach Ron Watson have been working all season to develop. He made Wests' opening try by slipping the ball out to winger Don Rogers when held near the sideline 35 yards out. Ferguson scored the best try of the game when he kicked over rival full-back Brian Cox's head, brushed aside several Cronulla defenders, collected and gave Peter Flanders an easy conversion by scoring under the posts. **(Rugby League Week 23rd May 1970)**

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Notes: This was considered by the pundits to be Tom Raudonikis' best game so far for the club. John Baker also had a strong game and Roy Ferguson scored a try off a brilliant chip-kick. Played in very blustery conditions, Wests held on well in a match marked by a great duel between halves, Maxwell and Bishop.