



1975 Round 9 Sunday 18th May Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 31

def.

Balmain 15

John DORAHY
Trevor SCARR
Stephen KNIGHT
Robbie PARKER
Russell MULLINS
Ken HEY
Geoff SMITH
Chris WELLMAN
Greg McTEIGUE
Jim MURPHY (c)
John DONNELLY
Shane DAY
Peter YOUNG
Geoff FOSTER

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

Mark LEVY
Trevor FORWOOD
Mike FISH
Allan McMAHON
Paul SOMMERVILLE
Graham ROBERTS
Peter DUFFY
Neil PRINGLE
Ron PALMER
Trevor RYAN
John SPENCER
Noel MAYBURY
Brian LOCKWOOD (c)
Peter BOULTON



Tries

Chris WELLMAN
Trevor SCARR
Jim MURPHY
Russell MULLINS
Geoff FOSTER

Peter DUFFY
Allan McMAHON
Neil PRINGLE

Goals

John DORAHY (8)

Trevor FORWOOD (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: T Scarr, S Knight, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: K Hey; half: G Smith; forwards: C Wellman, J Murphy (c), G McTeigue, J Donnelly, S Day, P Young

Balmain: Full-back: M Levy; three-quarters: T Forwood, M Fish, A McMahon, P Sommerville; five-eighth: G Roberts; half: P Duffy; forwards: N Pringle, R Palmer, T Ryan, J Spencer, N Maybury, B Lockwood (c) **Referee: G Hartley (Rugby League Week 24th June 1975)**

Unpredictable John Dorahy needed his kicking boots as Western Suburbs struggled to an unimpressive 31-15 win over Balmain at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Dorahy, who runs hot and cold with his kicking, booted eight goals from eleven attempts. But more importantly he kicked three in succession to turn a 3-0 deficit into a 6-3 lead after quarter of an hour. Until this stage, Balmain looked likely to storm all over Wests, a leaderless bunch without the inspiration of Tom Raudonikis. Twelve minutes before the end Balmain were only trailing 15-16 and looked capable of winning. But a high up-and-under by Dorahy was brilliantly taken by the man of the match, Russell Mullins, who ran over unopposed. A further two tries in the last 10 minutes against a demoralised Balmain defence enabled Wests to get away with the two points. ..
(The Sun 19th May 1975)

... Late in the match Dorahy carved up Balmain with lofty up-and-unders. Winger Russell Mullins and lock Chris Wellman scored tries from two of these kicks. Despite their big win, Wests were not impressive. They appeared hesitant and missed half-back Tom Raudonikis' inspiring leadership. Coach Don Parish said Wests had the ability to beat any side in the competition, but they had not yet clicked into gear. Balmain looked a winning chance early in the match with tries by centre Allan McMahon and lock Neil Pringle, but a flood of scrum penalties went against them. Coach Paul Broughton had to replace hooker Noel Maybury midway through the second half in a bid to cut down the penalty rate. Broughton blamed lack of weight in the forwards. He said none of his forwards tipped the scales over 14 stone. **(Daily Telegraph 19th May 1975)**

Western Suburbs coach Don Parish has plenty of problems to iron out despite his side's convincing 31-15 win over Balmain at Lidcombe Oval. Wests appeared hesitant for the majority of the match and missed the driving leadership of Kangaroo half, Tom Raudonikis. Raudonikis was a disconsolate man in Wests' dressing-room after the match when he disclosed that he would be out of football for another two weeks with ankle ligament trouble, aggravated in the Sydney-Country fixture last Saturday. **(Sydney Morning Herald 19th May 1975)**

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Notes: Don Parish wielded the axe for this game with Greg McTeigue and Peter Young coming into the forwards and Trevor Scarr replacing Don Rogers. Ken Hey, the son of the legendary Vic Hey, debuted after dazzling lower grade form. Chris Wellman was outstanding in attack and defence, while Dorahy finally found his kicking boots (8/11). Russell Mullins, however, was clearly the man of the match with a scintillating attacking display. Tom Raudonikis was a late withdrawal after injuring his ankle again in the City/Country match on the Saturday and was expected to be out for two weeks.