1978 Round 9 Sunday 21st May Redfern Oval

Western Suburbs 11 drew with

South Sydney 11

Arthur KITINAS



Buddy CAIN Wing Terry FAHEY Five-eighth Peter ROWLES **Trevor BARNES** Tom RAUDONIKIS (c) Half **Bob STRATTON** Graeme O'GRADY Lock John PEEK

Les BOYD Second Row Darrel BAMPTON (c) Trevor REARDON Second Row **Dave SEELIN Bruce GIBBS** Front Row Peter TUNKS Shane DAY Hooker Ken STEWART Peter YOUNG John DYKES Front Row Bob COOPER Replacement Nathan GIBBS

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Tries **Bruce GIBBS** John PEEK

Goals Peter ROWLES (4) Eric FERGUSON (4)



Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: D Moseley, R Giteau, W Smith, E Cain; five-eighth: P Rowles; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: G O'Grady, L Boyd, T Reardon, P Young, S Day, B Gibbs

South Sydney: Full-back: E Ferguson; three-quarters: J Swift, R Laurie, J Berne, T Fahey; five-eighth: T Barnes; half: B Stratton; forwards: J Peek, Referee: D McDonald (Rugby League Week 27th May 1978) D Brampton (c), D Seelin, P Tunks, K Stewart, J Dykes

South Sydney Rugby League discard Trevor Reardon, now with Wests, extracted a measure of revenge against his old club at Redfern Oval yesterday. The match ended in an 11-all draw, but the Rabbitohs would have won but for the reflex action of the Magpies' second-rower. Souths' five-eighth Trevor Barnes snapped a neat field goal attempt with 10 minutes to go, but the ball bounced off Reardon's foot before going over. Referee Don McDonald had no hesitation in disallowing the field goal which would have given the home team a 12-11 win. Most of the action came in the first half with Wests leading 11-9 at the interval. Wests led 9-2 after only 13 minutes when big Bruce Gibbs crashed over for a converted try. That Souths struggled back into the game was a tribute to their fighting spirit. Trevor Barnes, John Dykes, John Berne and Darrell Brampton had strong games, but the Rabbitohs squandered many scoring chances. Dave Seelin and Terry Fahey both missed chances in the first half before John Peek danced over for a gift try after 32 minutes. Souths had won a scrum five metres out from Wests' line and Magpies' skipper Tom Raudonikis tackled Souths' rookie half Bob Stratton "on suspicion" of holding the ball. Peek, at lock, plucked the ball up from his feet and wheeled around the scrum base to score beside the posts with Ferguson converting. That levelled accounts, 9-all. Three minutes later Gibbs dragged six men across the line with him in a herculean effort but could not ground the ball. Rowles then kicked an angled goal from 40 metres for Wests to jump ahead 11-9. Another difficult angled attempt at goal by Rowles after 52 minutes rebounded off the upright. The ball bounced over the tryline but, as it looked like Wayne Smith could fall on it, the ball bounced away from him into the arms of Fahey. Wests attempted three field goals late in the game, missing each. (Daily Telegraph 22nd May 1978)

A gashed and bleeding scalp did not prevent Trevor Barnes from playing the game of his life in Souths' tense 11-all draw with Wests at Redfern yesterday. Barnes had his head gashed in the Amco Cup game last Wednesday when an artery was cut. Yesterday he took a bump on the head in the opening minute and again blood started pouring from the wound. Ambulanceman Alf Richards stemmed the flow of blood to a great extent at the interval but for the first 15 minutes of the second half Terry Fahey played five-eighth........ Wests were delighted with the form of John Dorahy, who is rapidly getting back to his best. Tommy Raudonikis, still nursing rib injuries, played his usual busy game.... (The Sun 22nd May 1978)

Notes: In a very tense match both sides had their chances to win in the last ten minutes. A Trevor Barnes field goal went over the post but was ruled touched by Trevor Reardon. A Peter Rowles penalty goal hit the post and eluded Wayne Smith as he followed through and three field goal attempts by Wests missed in those last ten minutes. Trevor Reardon led a powerful pack with 35 tackles and John Dorahy showed he was back to his best form.



