



# 1982 Round 9 Sunday 25th April Redfern Oval



## South Sydney 27

def.

## Western Suburbs 22

Danny LOFTUS  
 Ziggy NISZCZOT  
 Tony MELROSE  
 Robert SIMPKINS  
 Ken WRIGHT  
 Mick PATTISON  
 Graham MURRAY (c)  
 Shane ARNEIL  
 Tony RAMPLING  
 Gary METCALFE  
 Gary HAMBLY  
 Ken STEWART  
 Dean RAMPLING  
 Peter TUNKS  
 Mario FENECH

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

Greg COX  
 Steve BROUGHTON  
 Wayne SMITH  
 Mick PINKERTON  
 Warren BOLAND (c)  
 Michael DUKE  
 Terry LAMB  
 Jim LEIS  
 George FAHD  
 Bob COOPER  
 Tom ARBER  
 Arthur MOUNTIER  
 Paul MERLO  
 Gary COLLISON



**Tries** Danny LOFTUS (2)  
 Ken WRIGHT  
 Ziggy NISZCZOT  
 Tony MELROSE

Terry LAMB (2)  
 Arthur MOUNTIER  
 Warren BOLAND

**Goals** Tony MELROSE (6)

Greg COX (5)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: G Cox; three-quarters: S Broughton, W Smith, M Pinkerton, W Boland (c); five-eighth: M Duke; half: T Lamb; forwards: J Leis, G Fahd, R Cooper, T Arber, A Mountier, P Merlo

**South Sydney:** Full-back: D Loftus; three-quarters: Z Niszczo, R Simpkins, T Melrose, K Wright; five-eighth: M Pattison; half: G Murray (c); forwards: S Arneil, G Metcalfe, T Rampling, G Hambly, K Stewart, D Rampling **Referee: J Gocher (The Sun 27th April 1982)**

After three long years, South Sydney's Ken Wright finally found his old rugby union magic to break a 22-all deadlock in the dying seconds against Western Suburbs at Redfern Oval yesterday. Wright turned the clock back to his match-winning days as an amateur with a slashing try 45 seconds from the end to give the Rabbitohs a 27-22 victory. Unwanted at Eastern Suburbs at the end of last season after three seasons with the club, Wright proved yesterday he has finally arrived in the professional ranks. After a fine match last week, he went one better in one of the most thrilling games of rugby league seen for years. Souths grabbed the two competition points in a cliffhanger when young full-back Danny Loftus sent winger Wright racing 35 metres to score. In the 79 minutes before that touchdown, the 12,739 fans at Redfern witnessed champagne football and some classic tries. It's really a shame there had to be a winner – a draw would have been a fitting result. The Magpies looked likely winners when they raced to a 12-0 lead midway through the first half with some great attacking football. But Souths hit back in bewildering style early in the second session with attacking football that revived memories of some of the great Rabbitoh teams of the past. Three tries came in the opening 11 minutes of the second half and the Rabbitohs swept to a 20-12 lead. Even Wests' supporters stood to applaud Loftus' second try in the 11th minute of the second half after a freak piece of work from Wright. Wright kicked a short ball over the top of the defence and found five-eighth Mick Pattison charging through to gather it on the full. Pattison sent Tony Rampling racing away before the second-rower turned a pass back inside to an unmarked Loftus. The full-back will certainly never forget his second premiership match in first grade. He scored two tries but allowed Wests to get back in the game when he failed to take a kick from Greg Cox, which resulted in a try to Terry Lamb under the posts nine minutes from the end. That made the scores 22-all but eight minutes later Loftus was on hand to send Wright away for the match-winner. Coach Bill Anderson was thrilled with the rookie full-back, saying: "Some players try and hide after making errors but Loftus was out to make up for it." .. Wests were well served by second-rower George Fahd, half-back Terry Lamb, prop Tom Arber and the other second-rower Bob Cooper. The Magpies had most of the chances in the dying stages but poor handling and panic play prevented them from at least saving the game. ... **(Daily Telegraph 26th April 1982)**

**Notes:** In the most exciting game of the season Wests lost in the last 30 seconds after Souths scored, against the run of play, from a dropped Steve Broughton ball. Souths, to their credit, put on 22 points in the second half when they had a strong following wind. Terry Lamb was again outstanding and was developing a very good understanding with Michael Duke. George Fahd was again a standout, while the front row pair of Merlo and Arber were on top of the Souths' front-row.