



# 1975 Round 7 Sunday 4th May North Sydney Oval



## Western Suburbs 20

def.

## North Sydney 7

John DORAHY  
 Don ROGERS  
 Stephen KNIGHT  
 Robbie PARKER  
 Russell MULLINS  
 Tim MURPHY  
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
 Chris WELLMAN  
 Geoff FOSTER  
 Jim MURPHY  
 Pat HUNDY  
 Shane DAY  
 Mick LIUBINSKAS  
 Greg McTEIGUE

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

Mal McLACHLIN  
 Paul HOPE  
 Dave BURNETT  
 John RAWLINS  
 Terry ADAMS  
 Graeme SMITH  
 Garry PRETTI  
 Steve COLMAN  
 Bruce WALKER (c)  
 Roger LAVIS  
 Mick HEALEY  
 Bruce FOYE  
 Nev MAKIN  
 Brendon LINDSAY

**Tries** Jim MURPHY (2)  
 Chris WELLMAN  
 John DORAHY

Brendon LINDSAY

**Goals** John DORAHY (4)

Dave BURNETT (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: D Rogers, S Knight, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: C Wellman, J Murphy, G Foster, P Hundy, S Day, M Liubinskas

**North Sydney:** Full-back: M McLachlan; three-quarters: P Hope, D Burnet, J Rawlins, T Adams; five-eighth: G Smith; half: G Pretti; forwards: S Colman, B Walker (c), R Lavis, M Healey, B Foye, N Makin **Referee: R Humphreys (Rugby League Week 10th May 1975)**

Western Suburbs made heavy weather of their 20-7 win over North Sydney yesterday with a display that spells danger to few clubs in the Rugby League competition. Officials from both clubs shook their heads in disappointment after the match, which provided some of the poorest football for years. But the Magpies, last year's finalists, emerged with two competition points and the knowledge that second-rower Jim Murphy is ready to repeat his good form of recent seasons. To their debit was the ankle injury to skipper Tom Raudonikis late in the day and the shaking their confidence must have taken. Wests scored in the first two minutes and looked likely to swarm over Norths, who fielded a make-shift team with four alterations to the side originally named. Prop Mick Liubinskas moved into the open and it was easy from there with unmarked Robbie Parker and Chris Wellman handling before John Dorahy scored. Wellman proved the best player on the field and maintained his tackling average, with some work that had the Bears despairing. The former Cronulla lock scored Wests' second try in a good individual effort when he picked the ball out of a scrum close to the Norths' line and dummied his way through the defence. Norths managed to stay in touch because Dave Burnett was able to kick a few goals while Dorahy continued his bleak run, missing three of his first four attempts. Full-back Mal McLachlan was almost over for Norths and then five-eighth Graham Smith was able to slip the ball to replacement prop Brendon Lindsay who scored. This reduced Wests' lead to an insecure 8-7 but the Bears had closed their scoring for the day. Jim Murphy played a bigger hand in the second half and scored two tries. Dorahy lifted his goal-kicking and landed two in the final five minutes from near half-way. **(Sydney Morning Herald 5th May 1975)**

... Norths were beaten in all grades by Western Suburbs at North Sydney Oval, including a 20-7 drubbing in first grade. .... The scrambling, scrappy match was interesting for the statisticians for the number of missed tries. Norths' coach Noel Kelly said: "I lost track of the tries we bombed." Wests' coach Don Parish complained: "We made it hard for ourselves by being complacent." Wests' half-time lead of 8-7 came from one of the few completed moves of the day. Three minutes after the start, full-back John Dorahy scored from a passing burst involving Mick Liubinskas, Chris Wellman and Robbie Parker. Wellman, who cover-defended well and scored Wests' second try, and winger Russell Mullins performed brightly. Wests' second-rower Jim Murphy clinched the match with two tries in the second half, after four minutes and 30 minutes. Wests' captain and Australian Test half, Tom Raudonikis, suffered a sprained ankle in the match but is confident treatment this week will have him fit for next Sunday's match against Balmain. Norths, who took the field without Gray, Barry Wood, Mark Scobie and Brian Norton, finished without Nev Makin (Knee) and Bruce Foye (shoulder). **(Daily Telegraph 5th May 1975)**

**Notes:** Wests set the scene with a brilliant team try after only three minutes and even though it was a sloppy match, with lots of dropped passes, Wests were always on top. Jim Murphy had his best game as a second-rower while Russell Mullins played a blinder after coming back from injury. Liubinskas was off late with a leg injury, while John Dorahy continued his poor kicking form, although he kicked two late goals from near half-way.