



1971 Round 12 Sunday 13th June Belmore Sports Ground



Canterbury 26

def.

Western Suburbs 6

Les JOHNS
 Rod JACKSON
 John GREAVES (c)
 John RHODES
 Ray STRUDWICK
 Alan BURWELL
 Les HUTCHINGS
 Peter BELLAMY
 Nev HORNER
 Ron COSTELLO
 Dennis MANTEIT
 Bill NOONAN
 John ARMSTRONG

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

Russell MULLINS
 Don ROGERS
 Jon CLARK
 Roy FERGUSON
 John ELFORD
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Brian WINNEY
 Rod SMITH
 John BAKER
 Barry BRYANT
 Russell JOHNSTONE
 Ken STONESTREET
 Tony ANTUNAC
 George SKEERS
 Wayne MERRY



Tries Peter BELLAMY (2)
 Alan BURWELL
 John GREAVES

Jon CLARK
 Brian WINNEY

Goals Les JOHNS (7)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Mullins; three-quarters: D Rogers, T Murphy, J Clark, J Elford; five-eighth: T Raudonikis (c) half: B Winney; forwards: R Smith, J Baker, B Bryant, A Antunac, K Stonestreet, R Johnstone

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: L Johns; three-quarters: R Jackson, J Rhodes, J Greaves(c), R Strudwick; five-eighth: A Burwell; half: L Hutchings; forwards: P Bellamy, R Costello, N Horner, D Manteit, W Noonan, J Armstrong **Referee: G Cook (The Sun 11th June 1971)**

Canterbury-Bankstown yesterday avenged their 55-12 first-round defeat by Western Suburbs in the Rugby League premiership competition. The Berries overshadowed Wests in their match at Belmore Sports Ground yesterday, to win 26-6. Full-back Les Johns, who was absent from the first-round clash, set Canterbury on their winning way with accurate goal-kicking. In an otherwise dull match, Johns gave a near-perfect display of kicking to land seven goals from eight attempts. Successful with his first three attempts, Johns gave Canterbury a six-nil lead at half-time. Wests narrowed the margin early in the second half when centre Jon Clark stepped through some weak defence to score a try. Canterbury moved into top gear only in the closing stages of the match, scoring four tries in the last 18 minutes. ... Wests scored their second try in the final minutes when John Baker broke early from a scrum and put half-back Brian Winney over with a pass that appeared to be well forward. ...**(Sydney Morning Herald 14th June 1971)**

International full-back Les Johns yesterday spurred Canterbury to a 26-6 victory over Western Suburbs at Belmore Sports Ground. Johns, who kicked six goals from his first seven attempts, was a commanding figure in Canterbury's win. He held the side together through a trouble spot in the second half when Wests looked like getting back into the match. A burst of try-scoring in the second half livened the match after a dull first spell. ... The result was sweet revenge for Canterbury after the 55-12 defeat they took from Wests in the first premiership match of the year. **(Daily Telegraph 14th June 1971)**

At least Wests are the most predictable team in the League competition. They always begin a match with dash and sparkle and then wilt in the second half to be steam-rolled. Yesterday at Belmore it was the same old story when they went down to Canterbury 26-6. And it looks as if they are stuck with the same team for the rest of the second round as there is nothing better offering in the lower grades. For the first 30 minutes, Wests were hardly out of Canterbury territory and even looked possibilities to score an upset win. But the Canterbury defence was too strong and two penalty goals by Les Johns saw them leading 4-0 at half-time. When Johns added two more penalty goals early in the second half, Wests folded up. Johns was the star for the Berries with seven goals from eight attempts and he kept his backs moving. His long passes out to the wing, while risky at times, came off and paved the way for tries. Dennis Manteit and Peter Bellamy (two tries) had big games for the Berries, Manteit in particular only played as though it was a Grand Final. Wests' five-eighth Tom Raudonikis again was the only bright light in a drab Wests side. NZ tour hope, Ron Costello, left the field at half-time with a pinched nerve in his shoulder but this it is hoped will not spoil his chances. **(The Sun 14th June 1971)**

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Notes: In a surprise move, Tom Raudonikis asked to relinquish the Captaincy because he felt he wasn't getting enough respect but he retained the captaincy and had an excellent game. Wests started strongly but then badly capitulated. This was an amazing turnaround from the 55-12 first round win.