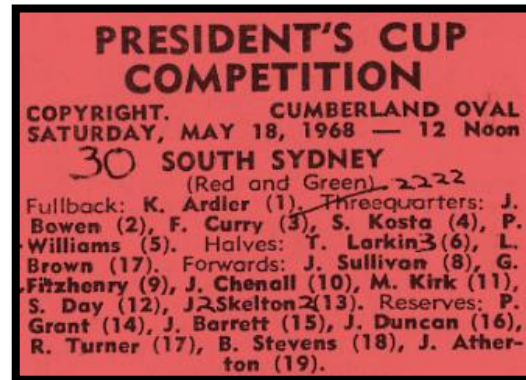


Shane Day

..... was recognised as a talented young rugby league player and from Kensington juniors was selected for the South Sydney President's cup teams in 1967 and 1968.



South Sydney President's Cup Team 1967



South Sydney President's Cup Team 1968

He was graded with South Sydney in 1968 after completing his President's Cup commitments. That year he made his way from Third Grade to Reserve Grade.

Shane was with Souths for three seasons and during that time played mainly in the Third Grade team. Souths were endowed with two other hookers at that time, being Elwyn Walters and George Piggins, who would both play for Australia.

Making the First Grade team was very competitive but Shane did make his First Grade debut in round ten of the 1969 season. Elwyn Walters was on tour in New Zealand at the time and George Piggins, who would normally replace Walters, had withdrawn from the team with injury. It was Shane Day's opportunity and so he was called up to the starting team.

NSWRFL 1969 ROUND 10					
North Sydney BEARS			21 - 12	South Sydney RABBITOHS	
TEAMS					
John BOOBY	1	FB	1	Eric SIMMS	
Ken IRVINE	2	W	2	Alan HEILER	
Mick MAHER (c)	3	C	3	Keith EDWARDS	
Gary BANKS	4	C	4	Ray BRANIGHAN	
George AMBRUM	5	W	5	Brian JAMES	
Leo TOOHEY	6	FE	6	Ivan JONES	
Graham WILLIAMS	7	HB	7	Bob GRANT	
John McDONELL	8	L	8	Paul SAIT	
Noel CAVANAGH	9	2R	9	Bob MOSES (c)	
Warren CHATFIELD	10	2R	10	Alan SCOTT	
Jim SCHRODER	24	FR	11	John O'NEILL	
Ross WARNER	12	HK	38	Shayne DAY	
Lloyd WEIER	13	FR	13	Jim MORGAN	
Frank COLLINS JNR	28	B	14	Arthur BRANIGHAN	
Roy FRANCIS		HC		Clive CHURCHILL	

Shane Day's First Grade Debut at Souths – Round Ten, 1 June 1969

Source: Rugby League Project

During his time at Souths, Shane played one First Grade, eight Reserve Grade and thirty six Third Grade games.

Surname	Forename	Year	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	Tries	Goals	Field Goals	Total Points
Day	Shane	1968		3					
Day	Shane	1968			8				
Day	Shane	1969	1						
Day	Shane	1969		2					
Day	Shane	1969			12	3			9
Day	Shane	1970		3					
Day	Shane	1970			16	1			3
TOTAL	Shane		1	8	36	4			12

Shane Day's Playing Record at South Sydney

In 1971 Shane joined the West Wollongong team and spent two seasons with the Club. West Wollongong won the Illawarra premiership in both years. The captain-coach of the team in 1971 and 1972 was Warren Ryan who would go on and have considerable success as a coach at the highest level. The team also included future Wests and international players, David Waite and John Dorahy.

Shane had a successful two years in the Illawarra. He was selected in the Illawarra Divisional team which became Country champions in 1971. From there he was selected for the Country team that toured Queensland, and in the same year he played for Country Seconds against City Seconds.



Illawarra Division Country Champions 1971

Back: Don Parish (Coach), Dave Hayburn (West Wollongong), Peter Thompson (Wollongong Collegians), Ted Goodwin (Dapto), Mick Hunt (Dapto), Warren Ryan (West Wollongong), Warwick Shirlaw (Dapto), Shane Day (West Wollongong), Bill Bradstreet (Port Kembla), Les Griffen (Trainer), B Kurtz (Manager)

Front: Warwick Randall (West Wollongong), Peter Dickenson (Thirroul), David Waite (West Wollongong), Alan Fitzgibbon (C) (Dapto), Dennis McCulloch (West Wollongong), Owen Smith (West Wollongong), Glen Capelin (Wollongong Collegians)



Country Team Tour of Queensland 1971

Back: Brian Eakin (Taree), Bill Bradstreet (Port Kembla), Terry Pannowitz (VC) (Maitland), John Barber (Newcastle Wests), Trevor Andrews (Lakes United), Warren Ryan (West Wollongong), Bruce Stewart (Wagga Magpies), Alan Fitzgibbon (C) (Dapto)

Middle: Denis McCulloch (West Wollongong), Shane Day (West Wollongong), Ted Goodwin (Dapto), Arthur Summons (Coach) (Wagga), Mick Hunt (Dapto), Des Kimmorley (Lakes United)

Front: A M Kingston (Manager) (Adaminaby), Bob Priest (Orange Ex-Services), Brian Burke (Maitland), Warwick Shirlaw (Dapto), Keith Finlayson (Armidale), Dick Jeffrey (Glen Innes), P J Trad (Manager) (Wollongong)

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SYDNEY II		COUNTRY II	
	Age	Weight	
Fullbacks:			
GREG PIERCE	21	13.3	GARY DOWLING 19 13.1
Threequarters:			
MARK HARRIS	23	15.0	GRAHAM HELLYAR 22 12.3
JOHN McDONALD	27	13.0	JOHN ADAMSON 22 13.9
GEOFF STARLING	18	13.11	GEOFF FOSTER 19 14.6
PAUL CROSS	24	14.0	MICK OTTEN 21 13.9
Five-eighths:			
KEVIN HOGAN	25	11.7	ROBERT PRIEST (C) 23 11.10
Halfbacks:			
KEVIN JUNEE	26	11.0	WARWICK SHIRLAW 21 11.8
Forwards:			
KEITH CAMPBELL	20	14.0	DENNIS McCULLOCH 22 13.8
GARY STEVENS	24	13.6	KEN ORR 25 13.7
BARRY BEATH	26	14.10	TREVOR ANDREWS 24 14.0
TERRY CROSS	23	14.8	JOHN WALSH 23 14.3
FRED JONES (C)	28	12.12	SHANE DAY 21 13.4
ARTHUR BEETSON	26	16.4	WARWICK RANDELL 28 14.8
Replacements:			
TOM RAUDONIKIS	21	11.3	TERRY STEVENS 21 11.9
ALAN MADDALENA	26	12.10	ROBERT McDERMOTT 18 11.9
ROD URQUHART	23	13.0	BRIAN SULLIVAN 26 14.5
BRUCE WALKER	19	14.3	W. HEATHERINGTON 21 13.1

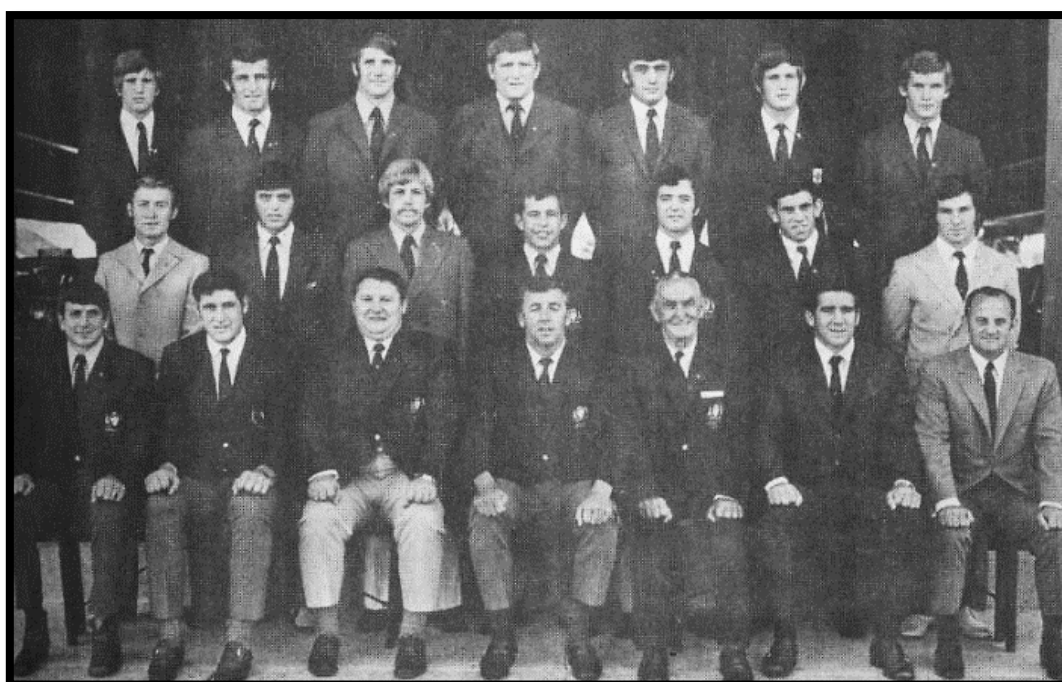
Country Seconds v City Seconds 1971

It was very much a repeat for Shane Day in 1972. He was selected for the Illawarra Divisional team which were again Country champions. He was then selected for the Country team tour of Queensland, and he went one better when he was selected for Country Firsts that played against City Firsts.



Illawarra Division Country Champions 1972

Back: B Hulbert, P Thompson, R Standing, B Smith (Manager), M Hunt, K Goldspink, J Lumsden,
Middle: D Waite, W Shirlaw, W Ryan (C), Shane Day, H Browne,
Front: R Urquhart, D McGoldrick, J Dorahy, J Geehoeven



Country Team Tour of Queensland 1972

Back: Warren Fisher (Manilla), Brian Bourke (Queanbeyan United), Tom Searle (Tweed Heads), Greg Fearnley (Cowra), Geoff Sheedy (West Tamworth), Barry Hulbert (Port Kembla), Terry Welsh (Casino),
Middle: Phil Fritsch (Temora), John Chapman (Bathurst St Pats), Viv Puodziunas (Newcastle Wests), Brian Burke (Maitland), Shane Day (West Wollongong), Peter Kennedy (Forbes), John Dorahy (West Wollongong),
Front: Tony Browne (Newcastle Wests), Des Milsom (Coonabarabran), Warren Kimberley (Manager) (Wauchope), Warren Ryan (C) (West Wollongong), Jack Cameron (Manager) (Armidale), Kevin Goldspink (Wollongong Collegians), Arthur Summons (Coach) (Wagga)

CITY VS COUNTRY (FIRSTS) 1972									
NEW SOUTH WALES CITY FIRSTS					NEW SOUTH WALES COUNTRY FIRSTS				
TEAMS									
[St George]	Graeme LANGLANDS (c)	1	FB	1	John DORAHY				
[Eastern Suburbs]	Mark HARRIS	2	W	2	Victor PUODZIUNAS				
[South Sydney]	Bob HONAN	3	C	3	Warren RYAN (c)				
[Balmain]	Geoff STARLING	4	C	4	Peter KENNEDY				
[Eastern Suburbs]	Bill MULLINS	5	W	5	John CHAPMAN				
[South Sydney]	Denis PITTARD	6	FE	6	Barry HULBERT				
[Western Suburbs]	Tom RAUDONIKIS	7	HB	7	Brian BURKE				
[South Sydney]	Paul SAIT	8	L	8	Geoff SHEEDY				
[South Sydney]	Gary STEVENS	9	2R	9	Tom SEARLE				
[South Sydney]	Bob McCARTHY	10	2R	10	Des MILSOM				
[Western Suburbs]	John O'BRYAN	11	FR	11	Tony BROWNE				
[South Sydney]	Elwyn WALTERS	12	HK	12	Shayne DAY				
[Parramatta]	Bob O'REILLY	13	FR	13	Kevin GOLDSPIK				
			B	26	Greg FEARNLEY				
			B	28	John SMITH				
	Harry BATH		HC		Arthur SUMMONS				

Shayne Day played opposite former team mate Elwyn Walters - Country Firsts v City Firsts 1972

Shane returned to Sydney and joined Wests in 1973. Don Parish had taken on the position of Wests coach the year before and it was at the instigation of coach Parish that Shane came to Wests. Don Parish had coached Shane in the Illawarra Divisional team in 1971. Shane was selected in Wests First Grade team for the opening round of the 1973 competition.

1973 Round 1 Sunday 25th March Lidcombe Oval				
	North Sydney 23	def.	Western Suburbs 6	
	Barry GLASGOW	<i>Fullback</i>	Tony FORD	
	George VARELA	<i>Wing</i>	Robbie PARKER	
	Mal McLACHLAN	<i>Centre</i>	Stephen KNIGHT	
	Terry DOUGLAS	<i>Centre</i>	John HEYWARD	
	George AMBRUM	<i>Wing</i>	Russell MULLINS	
	Keith OUTTEN	<i>Five-eighth</i>	Neville SINCLAIR	
	Gary PRETTI	<i>Half</i>	Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)	
	Bruce WALKER	<i>Lock</i>	Ted WALTON	
	Dave COOPER	<i>Second Row</i>	Barry BRYANT	
	Eddie HEATLEY	<i>Second Row</i>	John BAKER	
	Steve WINTER	<i>Front Row</i>	Jim MURPHY	
	Brian ANDERSON	<i>Hooker</i>	Shane DAY	
	Ross WARNER (c)	<i>Front Row</i>	Brian ISBESTER	
		<i>Replacement</i>	Terry ROSE	
		<i>Replacement</i>	Nick MOROKO	

Shane Day's First grade Debut with Wests – Round One, 25 March 1973

The Wests Archive web site has recorded notes from that match;

A number of players made their debut in this match, including Robbie Parker (ex-Manly Rugby Union), Brian Isbester (3rd Grade player of the year 1972), Shane Day (Souths) and Jim Murphy (Qld). The story of the match was the continuing injury toll. Having already lost John Elford and John O'Bryan in the pre-season, Jim Murphy broke his jaw in the second half, John Baker chipped a bone in his elbow and Ted Walton pinched a nerve in his back. Baker and Walton were replaced at half-time by Terry Rose and Nick Moroko (also on debut). To add salt into the wound, Steve Winter and Barry Glasgow (both ex-Wests) were the stars for Norths. The total disruption caused by the injuries meant that Wests never got into the match and they would be struggling to find a competitive team for the following week.

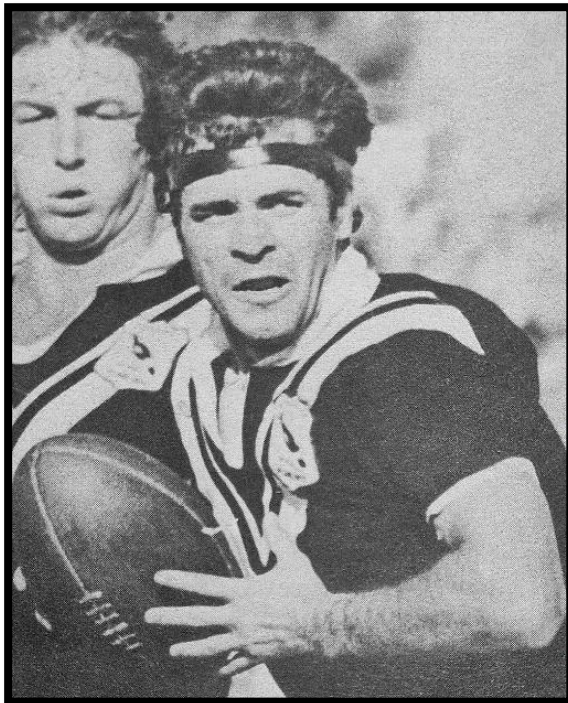
Source: westsarchives.com.au

While the injury toll for Wests was horrendous in 1973, Shane Day, Tony Ford and Stephen Knight played all twenty two First Grade competition games that year.

1974 was the best year in a decade for Wests. It was a dramatic turnaround from the Wooden Spoon years. Wests made a late-season charge and won two semi-finals against Souths and Manly before going down to Eastern Suburbs in the final, 25-2.

However it was not Shane Day's year. He suffered a serious shoulder injury in the round four match against Manly. The injury required shoulder reconstruction which ended his season. Shane was one of a number of players to join the injured list that year. It provided the opportunity for young Wests junior, John Purcell to fill the gap which he did for most of the season.

Shane was back in First Grade at the start of 1975 and had a successful year, until the second last round when he succumbed to a knee injury which ended his season. John Purcell once again stepped up to replace Shane for the last competition game and the semi-final playoff.



Shane Day in action

The pre-season of 1976 started well for Shane Day but before the competition commenced he found himself on the bench with John Purcell being the preferred hooker. This remained the situation for most of the year although Shane made a comeback to the First Grade team in the last few round of the competition.

Shane had the honour of captaining Wests on eleven occasions during the 1977 season. The team also won the prestigious AMCO Cup that season but Shane Day's season ended at round twenty with him missing the last two competition games and the final of the AMCO Cup due to a persistent virus.

Wests stormed home to be minor premiers in 1978. Shane played sixteen premierships games that season and was there for the final series. In a closely contested match, Wests were defeated in the preliminary final 7-14 by Manly. It not only ended Wests season, but also brought to a close Shane Day's rugby league career.

WESTERN SUBURBS		1978 Prelim Final Saturday 9th September Cricket Ground		WESTERN SUBURBS	
Manly-Warringah 14		def.	Western Suburbs 7		
Graham EADIE	<i>Fullback</i>	John DORAHY			
Tom MOONEY	<i>Wing</i>	David WAITE			
Russell GARTNER	<i>Centre</i>	Ron GITEAU			
Stephen KNIGHT	<i>Centre</i>	Wayne SMITH			
Simon BOOTH	<i>Wing</i>	Buddy CAIN			
Alan THOMPSON	<i>Five-eighth</i>	Peter ROWLES			
Steve MARTIN	<i>Half</i>	Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)			
Ian MARTIN	<i>Lock</i>	Graeme O'GRADY			
Bruce WALKER	<i>Second Row</i>	Trevor REARDON			
Terry RANDALL	<i>Second Row</i>	Geoff FOSTER			
John HARVEY	<i>Front Row</i>	John DONNELLY			
Max KRILICH (c)	<i>Hooker</i>	Shane DAY			
Ian THOMSON	<i>Front Row</i>	Les BOYD			
Wayne SPRINGALL	<i>Replacement</i>	Bruce GIBBS			
Ray BRANIGHAN	<i>Replacement</i>				

Shane Day's last game for Wests – Preliminary Final v Manly 9 September 1978

During his six seasons with Wests, Shane Day played eighty six First Grade, twenty three Reserve Grade, sixteen Pre Season Cup and eight AMCO Cup games for a total of one hundred and forty games in all grades.

Surname	Forename	Year	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	Pre-Season Cup	AMCO Cup	Tries	Goals	Field Goals	Total Points
Day	Shane	1973	22							
Day	Shane	1973			3					
Day	Shane	1974	3							
Day	Shane	1974		5			1			3
Day	Shane	1974			4		1			3
Day	Shane	1974				1				
Day	Shane	1975	21							
Day	Shane	1975			3					
Day	Shane	1975				1				
Day	Shane	1976	5				1			3
Day	Shane	1976		14			2			6
Day	Shane	1976			3					
Day	Shane	1976				1				
Day	Shane	1977	19							
Day	Shane	1977			1					
Day	Shane	1977				3				
Day	Shane	1978	16							
Day	Shane	1978		4			1			3
Day	Shane	1978			2					
Day	Shane	1978				2	1			3
Total			86	23	16	8	7			21

Shane served on the Committee at Wests after he retired but having a young family and work priorities he had no further involvement in playing or coaching despite some good offers from Country teams to continue. He remained in the Maroubra area after his playing days concluded and he enjoys keeping in touch with former team mates as well as attending player reunions.