

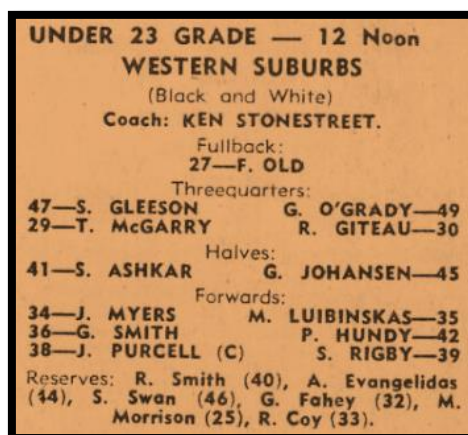
Pat Hundy

..... was selected to play with the Wests Jersey Flegg Cup team in 1971. He played in three of the four Cup matches, missing one due to being sent off. A clear case of mistaken identity, Pat would claim! Team mates from that side that went on to play First Grade with Wests included Steve Blyth, Peter Young and Nick Moroko.



Wests Jersey Flegg Team 1971

Pat trialled with Wests in 1973 and was graded with the U/23's team. He played his first U/23 game in round four against Cronulla.




Pat Hundy's first game with Wests – Round Four U/23's Wests v Cronulla

In 1974, Pat started in the U/23's team but quickly moved up to Reserve Grade. By round five he came off the bench to play First Grade against St George. He had to wait a couple of weeks before he was selected in the First Grade run on side.

It was a baptism of fire for Pat Hundy when he was selected to play in the front row of Wests First Grade team in the round seven match against Eastern Suburbs. Easts were to become premiers in 1974 and they finished as minor premiers, eight points clear of second placed Manly.

On a personal level, a twenty one year old Pat Hundy was matched up against the great Arthur Beetson who was captain of the Easts team. Arthur was also captain of the Australian Rugby League team between 1973 and 1977.

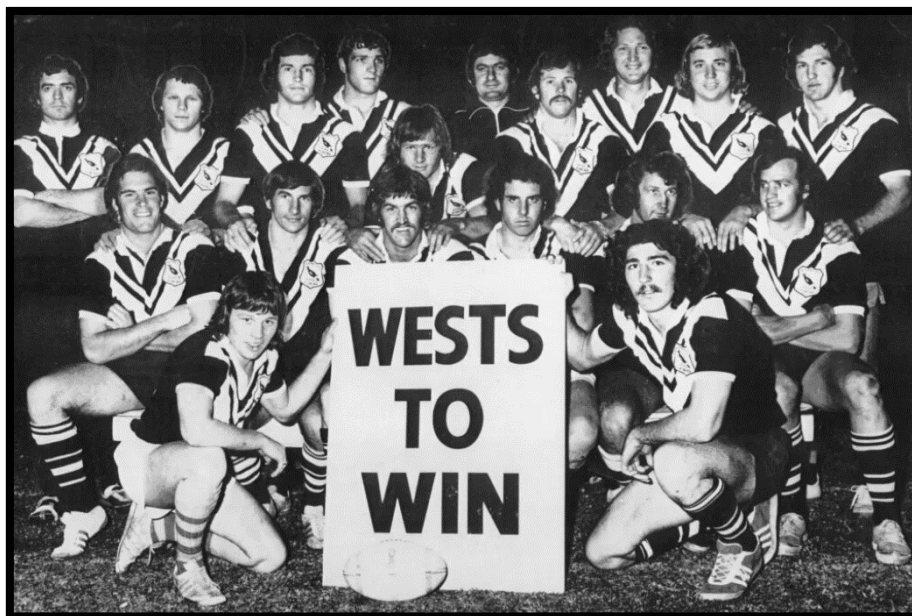
1974 Round 7 Sunday 12th May Lidcombe Oval			
	Eastern Suburbs 32	def.	Western Suburbs 10
	Russell FAIRFAX	<i>Fullback</i>	Tony FORD
	Jim PORTER	<i>Wing</i>	Stephen SATTERLY
	John BRASS	<i>Centre</i>	John DORAHY
	Mark HARRIS	<i>Centre</i>	Robbie PARKER
	Bill MULLINS	<i>Wing</i>	Russell MULLINS
	Kevin STEVENS	<i>Five-eighth</i>	Graeme O'GRADY
	John MAYES	<i>Half</i>	Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
	Ron COOTE	<i>Lock</i>	Warren SNODGRASS
	Barry REILLY	<i>Second Row</i>	John ELFORD
	Greg BANDIERA	<i>Second Row</i>	Geoff FOSTER
	Arthur BEETSON (c)	<i>Front Row</i>	Pat HUNDY
	Elwyn WALTERS	<i>Hooker</i>	John PURCELL
	Laurie FREIER	<i>Front Row</i>	Steve RIGNEY
	Greg McCARTHY	<i>Replacement</i>	Ron GITEAU
	Pat KELLY	<i>Replacement</i>	

Pat Hundy's First Grade Debut (run on team) – Round Seven 12 May 1974

Wests Archive has recorded an account of that game and noted that;

“The final score did not reflect the effort put in by the young Wests’ players, filling in for the injured. It was 10-all at half-time and still that with 15 minutes to go until some Fairfax brilliance and a tiring pack allowed Easts to score 22 points in the final 15 minutes. Raudonikis and O’Grady were already showing signs of forging a good partnership but Pat Hundy was very impressive in a debut where he faced off against Arthur Beetson.”

Pat became a regular member of Wests First Grade team for the remainder of 1974 and played all matches in the finals series, including the preliminary final loss to Easts. In talking to Pat and other members of the 1974 team, there is a common view that this team epitomised the values of comradeship and for all, irrespective of results, it was a high point in their rugby league careers with friendships enduring over the decades.



Western Suburbs Rugby League Team 1974

Back: Shane Day, Graeme O’Grady, John Purcell, Geoff Foster, Tom Raudonikis (C), Don Parish (Coach), Robbie Parker, Warren Snodgrass, John Heyward, John Dorahy

Sitting: Stephen Knight, Steve Satterly, Russell Mullins, Pat Hundy, John Elford, Brian Isbester

Front: Russell Worth, Mick Liubinskaskas

Pat had another good year in 1975. It was a disjointed season for Wests with players coming in and out of the team but by mid-season Pat Hundy had settled back into the First Grade team. However in the round twenty one match against St George, he suffered a knee injury which ruled him out for the remainder of the season.

He recently explained that the treatment of such an injury at that time was nowhere near as successful as it would be today. The injury would haunt Pat for the rest of his career. He injured his knee again in 1976 and played no First Grade games that year. He managed only four games with the Under 23's team.

Pat returned to play in 1977 but most of his appearances were in Reserve Grade with intermittent games in First Grade. Towards the end of the season Pat was in fine form and was selected for the AMCO cup semi-final against Canterbury and then in the famous AMCO Cup final win against Eastern Suburbs.



AMCO Cup 1977

AMCO CUP 1977 FINAL												
Eastern Suburbs ROOSTERS				5 - 6		Western Suburbs MAGPIES						
TEAMS												
Russell FAIRFAX	1	FB	1	John DORAHY								
Ian SCHUBERT	2	W	2	Ron GITEAU								
Mark HARRIS	3	C	3	Gavin MILLER								
Terry MURPHY	4	C	4	Ken HEY								
Bruce PICKETT	5	W	5	Trevor SCARR								
Bob FULTON	6	FE	6	Peter ROWLES								
Kevin HASTINGS	7	HB	7	Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)								
Robert LAURIE	8	L	8	Graeme O'GRADY								
Barry REILLY	9	2R	9	Geoff FOSTER								
Arthur BEETSON (c)	11	2R	10	Steve BLYTH								
Michael MOSMAN	10	FR	11	John DONNELLY								
Mal CONNOR	12	HK	12	John PURCELL								
Gary METCALFE	13	FR	13	Pat HUNDY								
Des O'REILLY	17	B	15	Geoff SMITH								
Ron COOTE	18	B										
Arthur BEETSON		HC		Keith HOLMAN								

AMCO Cup Teams and Result 1977 – Rugby League Project

AMCO CUP FINAL 1977	
LEICHHARDT OVAL	
20 minutes – time off for injuries	
In the event of a tie, Amco Cup Countback Rules apply (tries, first try, first score, first penalty).	
7.30 P.M. START FINAL	
EASTERN SUBURBS v WESTERN SUBURBS	
(Dark Blue, Red and White) Coach: Arthur Beetson	(Black and White) Coach: Keith Holman
Fullback: RUSSELL FAIRFAX – 1	Fullback: 1 – JOHN DORAHY
Threequarters: IAN SCHUBERT – 2	Threequarters: 2 – RON GITEAU
MARK HARRIS – 3	3 – GAVIN MILLER
BOB FULTON – 4	4 – KEN HEY
BRUCE PICKETT – 5	5 – TREVOR SCARR
Halves: KEVIN STEVENS – 6	Halves: 6 – PETER ROWLES
KEVIN HASTINGS – 7	7 – TOM RAUDONIKIS (C)
Forwards: ROBERT LAURIE – 8	Forwards: 8 – GRAHAM O'GRADY
BARRY REILLY – 9	9 – GEOFF FOSTER
(C) ARTHUR BEETSON – 11	10 – STEPHEN BLYTH
KEVIN MOSMAN – 10	11 – JOHN DONNELLY
MALCOLM CONNOR – 12	12 – SHANE DAY
GARY METCALFE – 13	13 – PAT HUNDY
Reserve: GREG TOWNSEND – 14	Reserve: 14 – JOHN PURCELL
TERRY MURPHY – 15	15 – GEOFF SMITH
DES O'REILLY – 17	16 – NEVILLE SINCLAIR
RON COOTE – 18	17 – BOB COOPER
Referee: G. Cook Touch Judges: M. Tomsett & J. Turner	

Original Program – Pat Hundy Collection

Pat has retained various items from his time playing for Wests in the 1977 AMCO Cup win and has graciously made copies available for the Wests Archive web site. It is unknown if any other similar items remain, so this collection is special and a significant time capsule in Wests history.



Pat Hundy's trophy for participating in the 1977 AMCO Cup winning team



Pat Hundy's AMCO Cup Premiers Shirt 1977



A rare photo of action in the 1977 AMCO Cup Final – Pat Hundy and Geoff Foster (No.9) bringing down Easts, Arthur Beetson. Tom Raudonikis in the background. - Pat Hundy Collection

In 1978, Pat was given a good offer to play with Parramatta. He played twelve First Grade games as well as two pre-season Cup games and an AMCO Cup game. However injury again took its toll and he played no First Grade games after round fourteen.

Roy Masters became Wests First Grade coach in 1978 and was in his second year in the job in 1979 when Pat Hundy was brought back into the fold at Wests. Pat acknowledges that due to his knee injuries he had slowed down and while making a couple of appearances in First Grade, he spent most of the year playing in Reserve Grade.

Pat retired from grade rugby league at the end of the 1979 season. During his six seasons at Wests he played forty First Grade, forty three Reserve Grade, twenty three Under 23's, four Pre Season Cup and five AMCO Cup games for a total of one hundred and fifteen games in all grades.



Western Suburbs DRLFC First Grade 1979

Back: Jack Jeffries, Trevor Reardon, Bruce Gibbs, Gerard Crowe, Pat Hundy

Middle: Bob Cooper, Wayne Smith, Don Moseley, John Dorahy, Graeme O'Grady, Mark Beavan, John Heyward,

Front: Roy Masters (Coach), John Donnelly, Buddy Cain, Tom Raudonikis (C), Ray Brown, Warren Boland, Bill Cloughessy

Surname	Forename	Year	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	U/23's	Pre-Season Cup	AMCO Cup	Tries	Goals	Total Points
Hundy	Pat	1973				17			2		6
Hundy	Pat	1974	18								
Hundy	Pat	1974		7							
Hundy	Pat	1974				2					
Hundy	Pat	1975	15								
Hundy	Pat	1975		4							
Hundy	Pat	1975					3				
Hundy	Pat	1975						1			
Hundy	Pat	1976				4					
Hundy	Pat	1977	5								
Hundy	Pat	1977		15					1		3
Hundy	Pat	1977					1				
Hundy	Pat	1977						2			
Hundy	Pat	1979	2								
Hundy	Pat	1979		17					1		3
Hundy	Pat	1979						2			
Total			40	43		23	4	5	4		12

Pat Hundy's Playing Record at Wests

In 1980, Pat joined former Wests team mates John Heyward and Jim Croucher at Narooma on the NSW South Coast. He played with Narooma for two seasons and coached the Reserve Grade team. He remained at Narooma for around a decade before returning to Sydney.

These days Pat is enjoying life on Queensland's Gold Coast and enjoys catching up with former team mates whenever he can. Pat is a member of Pratten Park Magpies and regularly attends the Annual Reunions.