1979 Round 4 Monday 16th April Redfern Oval

Western Suburbs 28 def. South Sydney 14

Don MOSELEY	***Fullback***	John SELLAR
Wayne SMITH	***Wing***	Jim SWIFT
John DORAHY	***Centre***	Paul BEAUCHAMP
Ron BRODRICK	***Centre***	Gary KNIGHT
Warren BOLAND	***Wing***	Terry FAHEY
Graeme O'GRADY	***Five-eighth***	Robert LAURIE
Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)	***Half***	Steve TOPPER
Les BOYD	***Lock***	Colin CHEESEMAN
Bob COOPER	***Second Row***	Darrel BAMPTON (c)
Ray BROWN	***Second Row***	Nathan GIBBS
Bruce GIBBS	***Front Row***	Dean RAMPLING
Jack JEFFRIES	***Hooker***	Ken STEWART
Pat HUNDY	***Front Row***	Harry BRYANT
Peter YOUNG	***Replacement***	Grant JONES
Brian COOK	***Replacement***	

Tries	Wayne SMITH	Nathan GIBBS
	Tom RAUDONIKIS	Colin CHEESEMAN
	John DORAHY	
	Ray BROWN	
	Les BOYD	
	Warren BOLAND	
Go*als*	John DORAHY (5)	Terry FAHEY (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Moseley; three-quarters: W Smith, R Brodrick, J Dorahy, W Boland; five-eighth: G O'Grady; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: L Boyd, R Cooper, R Brown, P Hundy, J Jeffries, B Gibbs

South Sydney: Full-back: J Sellar; three-quarters: J Swift, P Beauchamp, G Knight, T Fahey; five-eighth: R Laurie; half: S Topper ; forwards: C Cheeseman, D Bampton (c), N Gibbs, D Rampling, K Stewart, H Bryant **Referee: D McDonald (Rugby League Week 19th April 1979)**

Wests turned on 11 minutes of rugby league magic at Redfern Oval yesterday to score 20 points and establish themselves as the side to beat for this year's premiership. Trailing 9-nil after 21 minutes, Wests swamped Souths to run out 28-14 winners. The win maintains Wests' unbeaten record this season and they head the competition table on eight points. Wests' fightback midway through the first half was a memorable display of brilliant football. The Magpies had the crowd of 11,803 cheering their slick handling and passing rushes. The point-scoring spree brought tries from Raudonikis (29th minute), Boyd (31st minute), Brown (37th minute) and Dorahy (40th minute) plus four goals from Dorahy. Three of the tries came from classic football as Wests threw the ball around in exciting style. Raudonikis' try from dummy half set the ball rolling and almost immediately, Wests were in again. Centre John Dorahy, who turned in another great display, ran the ball back 75 metres to give lock Les Boyd a clear run to the line. Then captain Tom Raudonikis sent a perfectly-judged pass inside to send second-rower Ray Brown on a 25-metre sprint to the line. Wests could do no wrong, as their next try proved. Full-back Don Moseley kicked through, and under pressure, lobbed a pass that fell at Dorahy's feet. Without slackening speed Dorahy plucked the ball from his bootlaces to race over. Earlier, Souths had looked as if they could spring an upset as they forged to a 9-nil lead after a try by forward Nathan Gibbs – the first the side had scored in 260 minutes of first grade premiership matches – and three goals by winger Terry Fahey. But they had no answer to Wests' combination of power and speed. Wests' new-found flair in attack is a tribute to the skills of coach Roy Masters. Wests still have an abundance of big men who use their bulk to great effect. But they are now combining it with ball skills. **(Daily Telegraph 17th April 1979)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team are at least five points a game better than they were last year. This is the assessment of their coach Roy Masters who watched his team crush South Sydney 28-14 at Redfern Oval yesterday. "There is a lot more speed in this team this year and this has made a tremendous difference to their scoring potential," Masters said. "Our defence is as strong as ever but now we can capitalise on any chance we get. There is a long way to go but I feel the team will improve a lot on their performances so far." Any doubts about the quality of Western Suburbs were erased by half-time…… **(Sydney Morning Herald 17th April 1979)**

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Notes: *Wests were down 9-0 after 20 minutes but, in a devastating 20 minutes before half-time, threw the ball about to lead 20-9 at half-time. Dorahy was the superstar, with Les Boyd not far behind. Moseley and Raudonikis also had strong games. It was the forwards, led by a 27-tackle performance by Pat Hundy, who softened up Souths early in a torrid 20 minutes. This Wests' team was displaying a lot more speed than in previous years.*

View a relatively poor quality replay of the match here: Souths vs Wests Rd 4 1979