1979 Round 12 Sunday 10th June Lidcombe Oval

Western Suburbs 31 def. Parramatta 13

Wayne SMITH	***Fullback***	Garry DOWLING
Buddy CAIN	***Wing***	Neville GLOVER
Mark BEAVEN	***Centre***	Michael CRONIN
John DORAHY	***Centre***	Ed SULKOWICZ
Warren BOLAND	***Wing***	Graeme ATKINS
Don MOSELEY	***Five-eighth***	Mick PATTISON
Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)	***Half***	Graham MURRAY
Graeme O'GRADY	***Lock***	Ray PRICE (c)
Les BOYD	***Second Row***	Peter WYNN
Bob COOPER	***Second Row***	Lew PLATZ
John DONNELLY	***Front Row***	Graeme OLLING
Ray BROWN	***Hooker***	Ron HILDITCH
Bruce GIBBS	***Front Row***	Bob JAY

Tries	John DORAHY	Ed SULKOWICZ
	Wayne SMITH	Garry DOWLING
	Don MOSELEY	Michael CRONIN
	Bob COOPER	
	Buddy CAIN	
Go*als*	John DORAHY (8)	Michael CRONIN (2)

Match Description
Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: E Cain, M Beavan, J Dorahy, W Boland; five-eighth: D Moseley; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: G O'Grady, L Boyd, R Cooper, J Donnelly, R Brown, B Gibbs
Parramatta: Full-back: G Dowling; three-quarters: N Glover, M Cronin, E Sulkowicz, G Atkins; five-eighth: M Pattison; half: G Murray; forwards: R Price (c), P Wynn, L Platz, R Jay, R Hilditch, G Olling **Referee: G Hartley (Rugby League Week 14th June 1979)**

John Dorahy – despite a painful groin injury – spurred Western Suburbs to a well-deserved 31-13 win against Parramatta at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Dorahy received the injury in the match against Queensland last Tuesday night. He received physiotherapy during that match, had several injections during the week and has spent sleepless nights with the pain. But that didn't stop him racing over for a great try as well as kicking eight goals from 10 attempts for a personal total of 19 points. Dorahy has 108 points in premiership football this season. Although Dorahy was the star, big prop John Donnelly, full-back Wayne Smith and five-eighth Don Moseley were close behind. Captain and half-back Tom Raudonikis led his side well and combined well with hooker Ray Brown to give the Magpies a 10-4 scrum lead. The win put Western Suburbs into a shared lead with St George on 18 points while Parramatta are in equal fourth place behind Balmain and Cronulla. Wests opened the scoring in the 11th minute when Dorahy kicked a penalty goal and 11 minutes later the Magpies shot away to a 9-0 lead with another penalty goal followed by a great converted try from Smith under the posts. This came after a scrum win about 45 metres out and Smith sizzled away from a short and accurate pass from Moseley to outpace the cover. Parramatta hit back eight minutes later when second-rower Peter Wynn and winger Neville Glover combined to put Mick Cronin over in the corner. The Magpies reached half-time holding a 9-3 lead. Wests piled on four tries to one in the first 30 minutes of the second half, but then relaxed to let Parramatta replacement centre Ed Sulkowicz score under the posts. The game opened with a caution to prop Donnelly immediately after the kick-off when several players from both sides were involved in a brawl. Rival props Bruce Gibbs and Graham Olling were cautioned a few minutes later on a touch judge's report, and after these early few incidents, referee Greg Hartley kept firm control of the players. …**(Sydney Morning Herald 11th June 1979)**

"That's one piece of paper you can't see – it's worth a million dollars to us," declared a jubilant Wests' coach Roy Masters after the Magpies had thrashed Parramatta 31-13 at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. "It's a two-pronged discussion of our game plans," he said. "It details our tactics and the way we expected them to play." Whatever was written on the paper that Masters placed so secretively in his pocket must have been accurate as Wests' passes that netted them five tries to Parramatta's three……. **(Daily Telegraph 11th June 1979)**

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Notes: *In the best win of the season so far, Wests ran all over the top of Parramatta in the last 20 minutes. John Donnelly was back from suspension and was involved in a brawl that erupted after the first tackle. A few cautions later and the play settled down and Wests, with Dorahy playing all over Cronin, showed surprising speed out wide to score some great tries. Dorahy had been in pain before the match and played with a pain-killer but still scored a try and kicked eight goals. Parramatta were coming off eight wins in a row so this was an outstanding performance.*
View a replay of the match here: [Wests vs Parramatta Rd 12 1979]