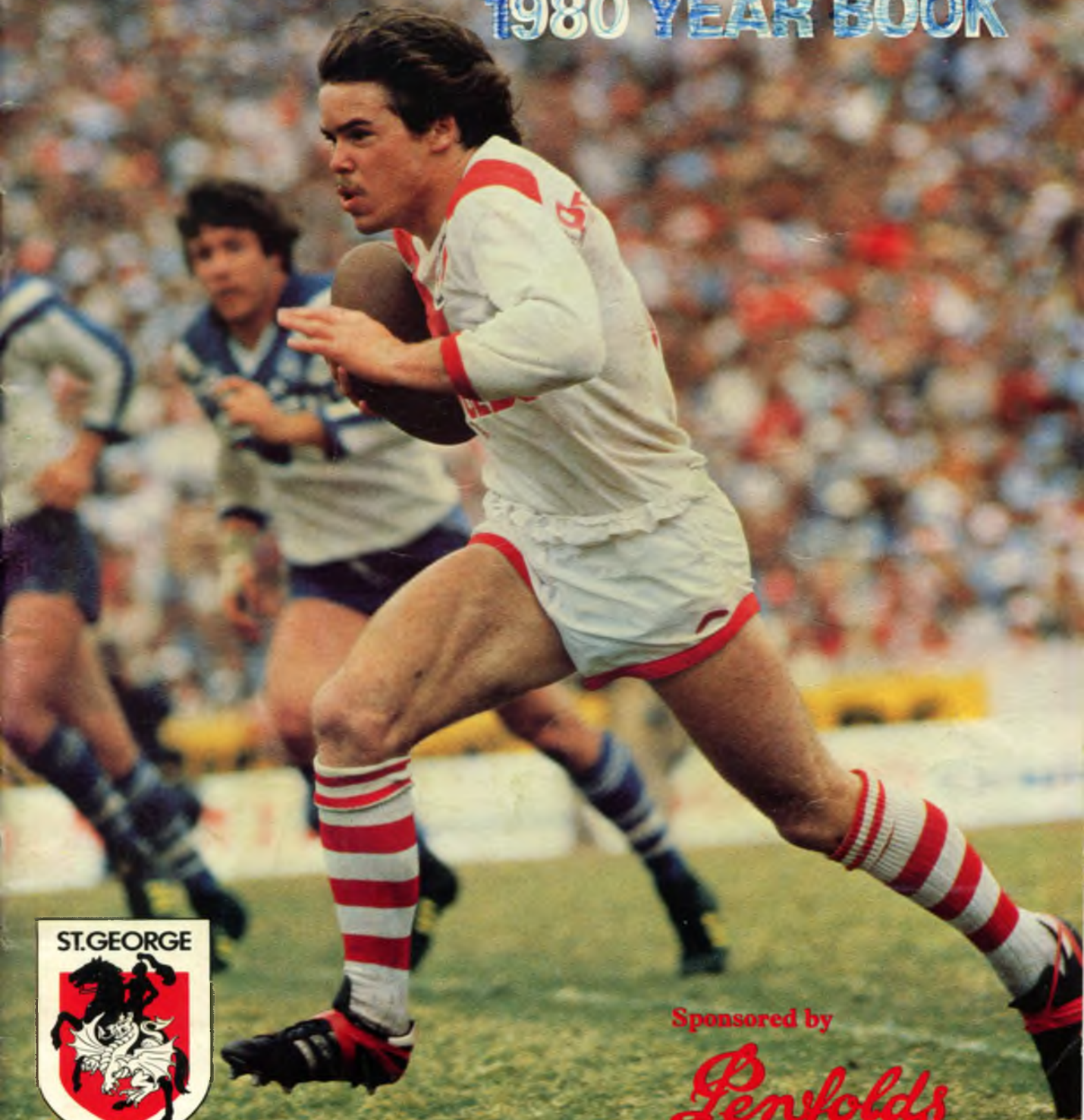


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**In 1979 St George and Canterbury fought what I believe was one of the greatest grand finals ever played.**

It was probably Rugby League's finest hour and a tribute to St George club to have emerged the winner.

The fact the win gave St George its 15th premiership is another tribute to the club.

I was pleased and honoured to have presented to St George the shield they earned so much last year.

This year the club has continued its fighting spirit and again been a major force in the Rugby League competition.

St George each year have a high standard to aim at in every grade.

Steeped in tradition the Dragons are a credit to the greatest game of all.

This year as in past years the St George sides have given the Rugby League public in particular and the sporting public in general many thrilling moments to remember.

I follow another club but like many who follow other clubs I am vitally interested in the progress of St George.

Whenever they play I endeavour to follow their fortunes.



My commitments do not allow me to attend many of their matches but I have often shared their great moments on television, radio and newspapers.

A successful St George means a strong Sydney competition.

As our State's leading sport, Rugby League plays some role in most of our lives.

We couldn't have a better example to follow.

I am sure St George will always be to the fore in our great game, and I look forward to enjoying their triumphs for many years to come.

Best wishes,  
**NEVILLE WRAN.**

## Penfolds Sponsorship

**St George and Penfolds are now in the fourth year of a successful sponsorship.**

The Club has won two premierships out of the first three years and at the time of going to press this year Saints were in a prominent position for a hopefully victorious conclusion.

We, as sponsors, are delighted with the performance.

However, our pride in the association with St George comes not only from the premiership results, but from being a part of the great St George tradition.

That tradition has been built up over the years by many great players and

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administrators of the past being perpetuated today by a fine group of men who are not only a credit to St George, but ambassadors of Rugby League and Penfolds.

Our association has been referred to as the best sponsorship of any sporting code and we wholeheartedly agree.

Such references are as a result of the very strong friendship built up between the directors, management, staff and players at St George and the Penfolds people.

This is coupled with the fine support we receive through the many thousands of members and for this we record our sincere appreciation.

Our congratulations go to the fine performances by the players, especially to those who were chosen for representative teams and in particular to Craig Young (captain), Rod Reddy, Graeme Wynn and Graham Quinn who were selected to represent Australia on the tour to New Zealand.

We look forward to the continued association and wish St George every success for the future.

**Jim Williams,  
General  
Manager,  
Penfolds.**

# 1979 Grand Final

**The 1979 Grand Final was judged as one of the most thrilling ever played and to win such a game a team has to be more than just good.**

St George beat Canterbury 17-14 to take the club's 15th premiership and were great.

It was the culmination of an exciting season for St George fans.

The blues of 1978 were far from any Kogarah dwellers mind as Saints took the minor premiership and then in an exciting major semi final beat Parramatta 15-11 to go straight to the big one.

A crowd of 50,991 assembled at the SCG to see a recognised St George side take on a Canterbury team which had fought against a massive off-season plundering of its players to be there that day.

There were a few new faces like Steve Morris, Graeme Wynn and Brian Johnson, but more importantly the men who stayed on from 77 were still young but experienced like few others in Sydney.

It was an awesome St George side which had beaten Canterbury 7-5 in the pre-season, 15-2 in the first round and 20-12 in the second round.

But Canterbury too, as they proved on the day were a force to be reckoned with.

St George came out with all guns firing in the tradition that has won the club so many grand finals in the past.

Canterbury were wrong footed from the start and found themselves on the defensive.

Brian Johnson, Mitch Brennan and Rod Reddy had all crossed the line and George Grant did the goal kicking honours. At half time Saints led 17-2 which should have wrapped up the match.

But there must have been memories of 1977 when the Dragons led 9-nil only to draw the match and defeat Parramatta in a replay the next week.

If the memories weren't there at half time then they were soon after.

But Canterbury, smaller, less experienced and well behind did not give up.

The 11 second half points came from the Bulldogs who looked a huge threat towards the end.

It is a tribute to St George that an effort like Canterbury's in that match could be staved off.

Harry Bath sipping champagne summed up the match well:

"I'm not only celebrating a Saint George Victory today I am celebrating a big win for Rugby League.

"I can't remember a better spectacle between teams so good."

League President, Kevin Humphries said simply: "That is the way the game should be played".

Half, Steve Morris, was voted the man of the match at the game after a close personal duel with Canterbury's number "7" Steve Mortimer.

## **Here are the vital moments of the game:**

- 2 min: Saints centre Graham Quinn makes a long break and gives the ball to second rower Graeme Wynn who is tackled by Graeme Hughes. Saints are awarded a penalty for off side and second rower George Grant kicks the goal. 2-0
- 12 min: Steve Mortimer found touch for the third time and Canterbury win their first scrum.
- 13 min: St George penalised for being off side. Steve Gearin goal. 2-2
- 17 min: Referee Greg Hartley spoke to both skippers about the scrum feeds and gave Canterbury a penalty kick. Gearin missed.
- 18 min: Half, Steve Morris, makes a superb dash but is tackled into touch by Steve Mortimer.
- 23 min: Fullback Brian Johnson scores a try after lead up work from Morris and Wynn. Grant converts. 7-2
- 30 min: Johnson takes a bomb on his own line and sprints to Canterbury's quarter line before being tackled into touch by Steve Mortimer.

- 31 min: Winger Mitch Brennan came in from the right wing to score. Grant converts. 12-2
- 31 min: Winger Michael Sorridimi off with an injured knee, Steven Butler comes on.
- 37 min: Reddy completed some superb attacking work with a try under the posts. Grant converts. 17-2
- 40 min: Canterbury penalised, Saints run the ball out. Half time
- 42 min: Bulldog fullback, Stan Cutler through but Brian Johnson pulls him down.
- 46 min: Bulldog five-eighth Garry Hughes makes a couple of nice breaks to unsettle the St George defence.
- 47 min: Gearin finished fine passing move which went right through the backline to score. He failed the conversion. 17-5
- 50 min: Grant missed a goal attempt from a scrum penalty.
- 55 min: Johnson penalised for a tackle. Saints under great pressure but hold on. Morris makes try saving tackle on Steve Folkes.
- 62 min: Cutler over the line but ruled in touch before scoring.
- 65 min: Centre Robert Finch off with gashed head after accidental collision. Robert Stone replaces him and Rod Reddy moves to the centres.
- 68 min: Peter Mortimer scores for Canterbury and Gearin converts. 17-10
- 75 min: Gearin couldn't hold a pass on the wing and a tiring St George team regain the ball after a scrum.
- 78 min: Garry Hughes put through a grubber kick and Stan Cutler grounded it for a try. Gearin missed conversion. 17-13

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*Whatever it takes, victory is so very sweet as Robert Finch and Grahame Quinn can testify.*  
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# The Coaches

## HARRY BATH

He isn't one of the widely publicised schoolteacher brigade but Saints coach Harry Bath remains the master.

The man who spent 10 years in England and while there set a club record for the most number of tries scored by a forward (87) has few, if any peers as a coach.



The Bath story has been making such an impact on Sydney for years.

It was in 1946 he left Souths in Brisbane for the big time of Balmain. Two years later he was with the English club, Barrow, and then Warrington.

In 1957 Bath made a welcome return and became a true saint playing in the 1957, 58 and 59 premierships winning teams.

He coached the St George reserve grade team in 1960 then back to Balmain for a six year coaching stint followed by four years at Newtown.

Then in 1962 and 1968-1972 Bath was the Australian coach with the 68 and 70 world cups going to Australia.

Five years after finishing his Australian commitment in 1972 the "prodigal returned" and is here to stay.

In 1977 with a team of enthusiastic inexperienced youngsters Harry showed just what could be done if the right man was at the top when "Bath's Babes" won the club's first grand final in 11 years.

Bath was able to draw on the type of experience most can only dream about.

He was in two Challenge Cup winning finals at Wembley Stadium, three grand final winning sides for St George and coached Australia to two world cup wins.

Bath still holds the goal kicking record for St George with 108 goals in a season.

Mix that experience with the ability to pass on knowledge and you have one of, if not the best coach in Sydney.

A director of the Leagues Club, Bath is a St George man through and through and with the Saints he has got the results.

Since joining the saints as coach in 1977 two premierships have found their way to Kogarah territory.

Few coaches can claim such a record.

It is a record that can only be gained from the experience and ability Bath has mixed with huge proportions of worry.

The concern and dedication Bath shows for his team is one of the key reasons behind the St George success.

Talk to Harry Bath after a game and you will see why his players would do anything he asked.

The man is one of the most respected characters in football and his knowledge of the game is something one can only be amazed at.

## PETER DICKENSON

Peter Dickenson has had his share of success as a coach since he took over the Thirroul (Illawarra) reserve grade side in 1975.

A former first grader with St George and Eastern Suburbs, he returned to the Saints camp in 1976 and had immediate success with a grand final victory.

In 1977 he returned to Thirroul to take over the helm of the first grade side, but was back at Jubilee Oval in 1978.

He came within an ace of taking another premiership for the club, but just missed out when his side went down 5-10 in a gallant performance to Balmain.

This year Peter is out to clinch another premiership.

At the time of going to press St George was in third place on 22 points, just ahead of South Sydney, Balmain and Manly.

The final round of the competition was a tough one and probable semi final decider against competition leaders Parramatta.

## BARRY BEATH

**Former St George international Barry Beath has remained close to the game he loves.**

As coach of the Under 23 side Barry is in his third year as coach of the side.

After taking the "youngsters" to the grand final last year he had hopes of doing the same again in 1980 to clinch a premiership flag.

However, it looks as though the Under 23 year team will have to wait until next winter to have another crack at the premiership plum.

Beath knows what it takes to reach and win a grand final, he played in three of them in first grade (1971-75-77) and one in reserve grade (1976).

A devastating runner around the edge of the rucks, Beath started his football in Eugowra and went on to play for Australia in New Zealand in 1965 and 1971.

He ended his playing career on a high note in 1977 with a premiership win.

## THE GRAND FINAL TEAMS

St George v Canterbury-  
Bankstown

**ST GEORGE:** B. Johnson, M. Brennan, G. Quinn, R. Finch, M. Sorridimi, A. Trudgett, S. Morris, R. Reddy, G. Grant, G. Wynn, C. Young (c), S. Edge, B. Starkey.

**CANTERBURY:** S. Cutler, C. Anderson, P. Mortimer, C. Mortimer, S. Gearin, G. Hughes, S. Mortimer, S. Folkes, G. Hughes, P. Cassilles, G. Cook, G. Peponis (c), P. Smith,  
**Reserve:** M. Hughes.

## 1979 GRAND FINAL DETAILS ST GEORGE v CANTERBURY

**ST GEORGE 17** (B. Johnson, M. Brennan, R. Reddy, tries; G. Grant 4 goals) b  
**CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN 13** (S. Gearin, P. Mortimer, S. Cutler, tries; S. Gearin 2 goals).  
**Crowd: 50,991.**

First Scorers: St George: Grant goal, Johnson try. Canterbury: Gearin goal, try.

Scrum: St George 11-7.

Penalties: Canterbury 12-6.

## ST GEORGE TACKLES

	1st 2nd		Total
	half	half	
B. Johnson.....	—	3	3
M. Brennan.....	2	5	7
G. Quinn.....	2	4	6
R. Finch.....	3	6	9
M. Sorridimi.....	1	—	1
T. Trudgett.....	2	9	11
S. Morris.....	1	8	9
R. Reddy.....	8	6	14
G. Wynn.....	3	7	10
G. Grant.....	7	12	19
C. Young.....	8	12	20
S. Edge.....	8	12	20
B. Starkey.....	10	20	30
S. Butler.....	—	1	1
R. Stone.....	—	7	7
<b>Total:</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>167</b>

## CANTERBURY TACKLES

	1st 2nd		Total
	half	half	
S. Cutler.....	6	1	7
C. Anderson.....	3	3	6
C. Mortimer.....	5	6	11
P. Mortimer.....	4	7	11
S. Gearin.....	—	—	0
Garry Hughes.....	12	4	16
S. Mortimer.....	4	1	5

S. Folkes.....	18	8	26
P. Cassilles.....	4	6	10
Graeme Hughes...	19	7	26
P. Smith.....	20	8	28
G. Peponis.....	11	6	17
G. Cook.....	13	—	13
M. Hughes.....	—	12	12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>188</b>



Centre Graham Quinn off-loads the ball to support as Graeme Wynn looks on.

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# The Men behind the Club



## **PRESIDENT Les Dellow.**

President Dellow has lived in the St George area all of his life.

Born in Rockdale, he was a competent half-back with the old Rockdale-Bexley junior league club.

Les also played with the Hurstville Grove club in Junior football.

The year St George began their fantastic run of 11 successive premierships was the year Les Dellow joined the club as an official.

He was a general committeeman in those days and followed this up with four years as deputy chairman, firstly to Alex Mackie and then to Len Kelly.

Keenly interested in Schoolboy football, Les also served as School's secretary for some years.

He was elected President for the first time last year and retained the honour this season.

Les and his understanding wife Hazel, now live in Bardwell Park.



## **SECRETARY/TREASURER John Fleming.**

John Fleming first served on the Saints committee in 1969.

He was a selector in 1970 and 1971, and for the next four seasons was Chairman of Selectors.

In 1976 he was elected to the position of assistant secretary and the following year was acting secretary.

Last year he became fulltime secretary and has continued his good work for this season.

Highly respected by the NSW Rugby League's governing body, John Fleming sees that St George's interests are always presented strongly.

## **OFFICIALS 1979**

**PATRON**, Mr A. Mackie;  
**PRESIDENT**, Mr L. Dellow; **VICE-CHAIRMAN**, Mr D. Ryder.

## **GENERAL COMMITTEE**

Messrs E. Black, B. Beath, J. Ellwood, J. Grant, R. Hayes, L. Kelly, H. Maher, K. Neal, I. Palmer, A. Perry, G. Price, D. Ryder, W. Summerell, W. Spratley.

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Messrs L. Dellow (chairman), J. Fleming, G. Price, E. Black, L. Kelly.

## **JUNIOR COMMITTEE**

Messrs D. Ryder (chairman), J. Ellwood, H. Maher, A. Perry, I. Palmer.

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Messrs D. Ryder (chairman), G. Baxter, W. Spratley, W. Summerell, J. Grant.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Messrs G. Price (chairman), R. Hayes, J. Ellwood, W. Spratley, I. Palmer, K. Neal.

## **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Messrs H. Bath, P. Dickenson, B. Beath.

## **TRUSTEES**

J. Fleming, G. Price, L. Dellow.

## **DELEGATES TO NSW RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

J. Fleming, L. Dellow, L. Kelly (deputy).

## **COACHES**

First Grade, H. Bath; Reserve Grade, P. Dickenson; Under 23, B. Beath.

## **ASSISTANT HON**

**SECRETARY**, Mr G. Price;

**TIMEKEEPER**, Mr B. Glover;

**DOORKEEPER**, Mr B. Kenyon;

**AMBULANCE OFFICER**, Mr N. West.

**AUDITORS**: Hancock & Offner.  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER** Mr J. Fleming.

**DOCTORS**, Dr J. Saunders and Dr M. Morrissey.

## **ST GEORGE JUNIOR RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

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# Reg Gasnier

**As a young five-eighth playing for Renown United Reg Gasnier had only one ambition — to wear the red and white.**

Today the hero of so many St George and Australian wins is still regarded as the best centre ever to take the field and one of the favourite St George sons.

Reg Gasnier is one Rugby League Phenomenon St George can claim as their very own.

As a young child Gasnier was an easy bloke to contact of a weekend.

"I used to watch St George every week," he remembers.

"I was a five-eighth then and my hero was John Hawke.

"As a footballer I only had one ambition — to play for St George.

"Anything that came afterwards I aimed for after I got the red and white jersey.

"Putting that jersey on always gave me a special feeling."

More than just a great player, Reg Gasnier symbolized an era for both St George and Rugby League.

It is significant that the St George players to retire along with Gasnier before the start of the 1968 season were greats, Ian Walsh and Brian Clay.

The same year saw former test skippers Keith Barnes and Arthur Summons bow out of the game in what was truly an end of an era of great football talent.

Gasnier was only 29 years of age when he made that decision but in one of the most amazing careers ever the age gave little indication of the career.

It was 10 years earlier the young boy burst onto the Sydney Rugby League scene.

In 1969 the boy who had admired Johnny Hawke from the fence not only got his red and white first grade jersey but found himself travelling to England with the Kangaroos.

That year even the sceptical English press had to eat their scoffed remarks about Australia's new test centre when he scored three tries against Widnes in his first match of the tour.

"I played 36 tests, 40 internationals and had six tours," Gasnier recalls.

"It may have seemed I retired young but it had been a long career.

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"I found that football was starting to come after my family and job on my list of priorities and that was the difference.

"When I was younger I wanted to play football first and the rest came later."

Gasnier's last active official capacity as player was the job of captain-coach of the 1967-68 Kangaroo tour.

Today Gasnier is a Rugby League commentator and the "magic dragon" has as much red and white in his blood as ever.

Reg today commentates on Rugby League for the ABC and remains one of the most respected authorities on the game.

But even above the respect he is

normally held in everybody stands and listens when Reg talks of backs.

"I can't understand why backs stand flat so often, particularly around the scrum," Gasnier said.

"I really think they should be standing back further and putting their moves on."

Certainly whenever Reg Gasnier stood back and took part in a move there was more often than not a try scored.

Various players after Gasnier have shown some of the qualities of Gasnier but none have ever had them all.

The fact remains as one league expert wrote: "When they made the magic dragon they threw away the mould".

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# History of the Club

**The great St George saga began in 1921 when they were admitted to the Sydney first grade competition.**

They had been trying for some years to gain first grade status and finally achieved this with Herb Gilbert as the first captain coach.

Gilbert, who was a 1911 Kangaroo, captained Australia the year before in two Tests.

This was the first time that Australia had beaten England in Australia.

Gilbert received £30 (\$60) for his efforts in this initial year.

Lyall Wall, a cricket and Rugby League representative for NSW was fullback and George Carstairs was on the wing.

Carstairs was later to become the Dragons' first Kangaroo when he went on the 1921-22 tour.

Only mediocre success was achieved in the first six seasons, but with Arthur "Snowy" Justice the driving force, the Dragons signed great second rower Frank Burge as captain coach in 1927.

Burge received the then mammoth fee of £200 (\$400) and took the club to its first final.

They lost that final to Souths but the happy players received £80 (\$160) each for their efforts during the season.

Burge stayed on for three more years and in that time the St George reputation began.

Their first Premiership did not come until 1941 but they were usually highly placed.

Actually the first title was the 1933 night football Cup and the Reserves took out the 1938 competition with the thirds adding the 1940 title.

After the 1941 first grade title there was a slight famine but in 1949, coached by Jim Duckworth, the Dragons picked up their second championship.

Frank Facer, the great administrator, was a member of this ST GEORGE 1980 YEAR BOOK

team, as were such big names as Noel Pidding, Ron Roberts and Johnny Hawke.

In 1956 began the incredible 11 successive Premierships — a World record for any code of football.

Norm Tipping was the 1956 coach and Doug Fleming was top point scorer with 189.

Norm Provan was in this team as were Kangaroos Ken Kearney, Brian Orrock and Kevin O'Brien.

Harry Bath played in the 1957 side, while John Raper played his first grand final, as a centre, in 1959.

Reg Gasnier also played in 1959, but did not play in the Grand Final, having to wait until next year for his first one.

Local Parliamentarian, Kevin Ryan, was in the 1960 side while Billy Smith, as Gasnier's centre partner, played his first Grand Final in 1963.

Graeme Langlands also appeared in his first big one in that year.

The fantastic run ended in 1966 with Ian Walsh as captain coach.

St George won the Minor Premiership in 1967 but were beaten 12-11 by Canterbury in the final with South Sydney going on to take out the title.



**Robert Stone (on ground) gets his pass away to a determined Graeme Wynn.**

The complete record of the club is as follows:—

## FIRST GRADE:

Premiers: 1941, 1949, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1977, 1979.

Minor Premiers: 1946, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960\*, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1979.

Runners-up: 1927, 1930, 1933, 1937, 1942, 1946, 1953, 1961, 1975.

Finalists: 1943, 1948, 1951, 1954, 1955, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1972.

Semi-finalists: 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1939, 1940, 1944, 1952, 1969, 1973, 1976.

Winners, Club Championship: 1940, 1942, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1971.

Winners, Cup-Tie: 1944, 1959.

Runners-up, Cup-Tie: 1943.

Night Football Champions: 1933.

Runners-up Amco Cup: 1978.

Pre-Season Competition Winners: 1963, 1964, 1965, 1971.

## RESERVE GRADE:

Premiers: 1938, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1976.

Runners-up: 1927, 1931, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1950, 1951, 1955, 1958, 1959, 1965, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1978.

Finalists: 1943, 1946, 1956, 1957, 1961.

Semi-finalists: 1928, 1933, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1952, 1954, 1960, 1966, 1968.

Runners-up, League Cup: 1923.

## UNDER 23 YEARS GRADE:

(Up to and including 1972 this competition was known as Third Grade)

Premiers: 1940, 1942, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1957, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1972, 1974.

Runners-up: 1930, 1943, 1958, 1964, 1971, 1979.

Finalists: 1946, 1956, 1962.

Semi-finalists: 1929, 1932, 1933, 1945, 1947, 1950, 1952, 1955, 1970.

\*Joint Minor Premiers.

# The 11 year run

**Making a rule that said a team must give up the ball after a certain number of tackles was about the only hope an opposition team had of getting the ball off the red and whites.**

It was this ability in unlimited tackle football which saw St George set a world football record in taking 11 consecutive first grade Rugby League premierships.

In 11 years the St George club earned a standing in Rugby League that no other club has come close to or is likely to equal.

Players like Norm Provan, Harry Bath, Ian Walsh, Brian Clay, Harry Wells, the prince of locks, John Raper and the magic dragon Reg Gasnier were the tip of an enormous iceberg which was St George.

The start of 1956 saw St George enter the competition as a team which had been in the finals for seven years but hadn't taken the premiership since 1949.

That soon changed when in 1956 the Dragon's started the most famous march in Rugby League.

Scoring four tries to two St George that year beat Balmain in the grand final to take the title, ending a three year stranglehold of South Sydney.

The rest is now history but there was more to it than just 11 straight wins.

The year 1959 saw a Rugby League team go through the competition undefeated for the first time.

And it saw some of the greatest battles ever fought between Rugby League teams.

The club championship was won by Saints for a five year stretch from 1962 to 1966 and the first four of the 11 years completed an earlier five year club championship run which had started in 1955.

Only two other clubs, Parramatta and Easts, have equalled that feat and none have bettered it.

The key to that 11 year run is something every football coach has wanted since then.

The chances are it will never be found.

"When you look back on it we had

some great players in those sides," Reg Gasnier recalled.

"The forwards would take the ball and go up time after time.

"We had a set number of moves we could bring into play.

"It wouldn't have mattered if we had copied them and given them to the opposition.

"The moves themselves weren't the reason we got through it was the timing of them.

"Sides today have more moves but don't use them as well or at the right times."

John Raper, described what he thought was a major factor in that winning streak:

"We were playing for our jerseys," Raper explained.

The dream of every club in that era was to beat St George, it was a dream few achieved but two clubs stood out in their attempts.

Balmain lost to St George three times in grand finals to establish themselves as one of the main challengers.

But the rivals everybody will remember are Western Suburbs. Wests in 1958 made their first bid to beat St George, they limped home losers 31-9.

And then came the heaviest challenge the dragon slayers would meet since St George first saddled his steed.



In 1961 Saints beat Wests 22-nil to give the side an "A" grade thrashing and then came the team which lost the 1962 grand final 9-6.

It was 1963 and third time seemed set to prove it but the Saints again finished on top beating the Magpies 8-3.

In 1967 the myth exploded but Saints remained as they are today — a premiership force that few can rival.

It was 11 years after the great run finished before Bath's Babes took the 1977 title and last year it happened again.

But no matter what record other club's can come up with the mighty 11 year march will always be the feat to match and St George will be the measuring stick for Sydney's clubs.

These are the heroes who kept Saints going for that record run, and their grand final appearances:

Fullbacks: Doug Fleming (1), Brian Graham (5), Ken McDonald (1), Graeme Langlands (4).

Wingers: Ross Kite (1), Tommy Ryan (2), Eddie Lumsden (2), Brian Messiter (2), Johnny King (7), Dave Brown (1).

Centres: Merv Lees (1), Kevin O'Brien (1), Ray Smith (2), Jack Fifield (1), Geoff Weekes (2), Johnny Raper (1), Reg Gasnier (6), Johnny Stahers (1), Dave Brown (1), Johnny Riley (1), Billy Smith (3), Bruce Pollard (1), Ken Maddison (1).

Five-eighths: Peter Carroll (2), Brian Clay (6), Johnny Raper (1), Bruce Pollard (1). Halfbacks: Bobby Bugden (6), George Evans (4), Billy Smith (1).

Locks: Billy Wilson (1), Brian Clay (1), Peter Provan (2), Johnny Raper (6), Elton Rasmussen (1).

Second row: Norm Provan (10), Harry Melville (1), Harry Bath (1), Monty Porter (3), Kevin Ryan (2), Elton Rasmussen (4), Dick Huddart (1).

Front row: Bryan Orrock (2), Kevin Brown (3), Harry Bath (2), Billy Wilson (5), Kevin Ryan (4), Monty Porter (3), Robin Gourley (2), Trevor Levin (1) as replacement.

Hookers: Ken Kearney (5), Peter Armstrong (2), Ian Walsh (4).

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*Hooker John Dowling comes to a sudden halt at the hands of Parramatta defence.*  
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# 1980 Tooth Cup

## **MATCH 1: St George 16 b Balmain 5.**

Craig Young steered his St George side to a comfortable win.

Thanks to Brian Johnson and nippy half Steve Morris the Dragons scored two tries to one, but it was the accurate kicking of Graeme Wynn that really helped pave the way for victory.

In a fine kicking display Wynn put away five goals to help rub the Tigers out of the game.

## **MATCH 2: St George 40 b North Sydney 9.**

The Bears had no answer to the powerful display put on by St George.

The North Sydney defence was torn to shreds time and time again as Saints players found the gaps and the support to keep the attack moving.

Eight tries and as many goals to a lone try and three goals tells its own story.

Brian Johnson touched down for three tries while Graeme Wynn crossed twice with a try apiece to Brian Johnston, Tony Trudgett and John Dowling.

Wynn took his personal tally for the match to 25 points when he kicked eight goals in another brilliant display.

## **MATCH 3: Western Suburbs 10 d St George 4.**

In a tight hard game Western Suburbs inflicted the first Tooth Cup defeat on St George.

St George was kept tryless with the only points coming from two goals by Graeme Wynn.

The game provided plenty of entertainment as play swayed up and

down the field with loads of solid defence.

## **SUMMARY**

Despite winning two of the three games, one by a massive margin, St George was unlucky to miss out on the Tooth Cup semi finals.

In an amazing division where points margins decided the non winners places in the Cup, St George only narrowly missed their chance at the big money.

The club was far from disgraced in the competition's inaugural year with the wins over Balmain and North Sydney and a narrow loss to Western Suburbs.

The Tooth Cup final was won by Parramatta 8-7 from Balmain.

In the semi finals Parramatta defeated Western Suburbs and Balmain beat Eastern Suburbs.



*Grahame Buckley reaches out for the intended pass from the falling Graeme Wynn.*

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## FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE CLUB

**The following little known facts will interest many supporters.**

Most points in a season for any club, 633 by Eastern Suburbs in 1935. St George record, 605 in 1959.

Most tries in season, 38 by D. Brown, Eastern Suburbs, in 1935. St George record is 26 by T. Ryan in 1957.

Most goals in season, 131 by E. Simms, South Sydney, 1969. St George record is 108 by H. Bath in 1958.

Most individual points in one game, 42 by D. Brown, Eastern Suburbs, in 1935. St George record is 36 by L. Griffen and J. Lindwall in 1935 and 1947 respectively.

Most individual points in a season, St George record 273, by Mick Cronin, set in 1978.

Billy Smith holds the Club record with 297 games from 234 in First Grade, 47 in Reserve Grade and 16 in Third Grade.

G. Langlands, with 1556 First Grade points, holds the Club aggregate record.

J. King, with 143 tries in First Grade, holds the Club try-scoring record.

World record Rugby League attendance, Halifax v Warrington, 102,575 Odsal Stadium, 1954.

Australian record attendance: St George v South Sydney, 78,056, Sydney Cricket Ground, 1965.

Test record attendance: England v Australia, 70,204, Sydney Cricket Ground, 1932.

Attendance records for other representative matches, all at the Sydney Cricket Ground, are:—

New Zealand v	
Australia.....	56,326 in 1952
New Zealand v	
NSW.....	49,748 in 1955

France v	
Australia.....	67,748 in 1955
France v	
NSW.....	50,488 in 1955
Queensland v	
NSW.....	56,487 in 1927
City v	
Country.....	52,366 in 1946

Attendance records for any fixture, including Saturdays, Sundays, Public Holidays or mid-week fixtures, are all jointly held by St George. These fixtures were also played at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Attendance figures are:—

Saturday: St George v South Sydney (grand final).....78,056 1965

Sunday: St George v Balmain.....55,934 1966

Public holiday: St George v South Sydney.....50,000 1951

Mid-week: St George v Great Britain.....57,895 1962

Queensland first defeated NSW in 1922, the score being 25-9.

Biggest defeat of Queensland by NSW, 69-5 in 1957.

Biggest defeat of NSW by Queensland, 38-0, in 1926.

Most points for NSW against Queensland, H. Messenger, 52; most tries, S. Goodwin, 6; most goals, G. Hawick, 15.

University, St George, Canterbury-Bankstown, Parramatta and Manly-Warringah Clubs entered the competition in 1920, 1921, 1935, 1947 and 1947 respectively. Penrith and Cronulla-Sutherland Clubs entered in 1967. Glebe and University withdrew after season 1929 and 1937 respectively.

The Country Rugby League was founded in 1934.

St George, with 16 wins, is the most successful club in the Flowers Memorial Club Championship.

Forty players from St George have worn the green and gold for Australia. The tally was bumped up this season when Graham Quinn and Graeme Wynn toured New Zealand. Of course Rod Reddy and Saints skipper Craig Young also toured.



Canterbury's George Peponis about to tackle John Dowling.

Photo: Rugby League Week



Photo: Rugby League Week

*A very determined Robert Stone sights up the defence.*  
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# Players profiles



**BRIAN JOHNSON:** Age 24  
**Weight:** 13st 7lbs (85.9kg). **Height:** 5'11" (180cm).  
**Junior club:** Dapto.  
**Representative honours:** Illawarra, Country Firsts.  
**Employment:** Trainee Physical Education Teacher.

An exciting player with outstanding try scoring ability. As his confidence grows so will his performances and stature.



**GRAHAME BUCKLEY:** Age 23  
**Height:** 5' 10" (177.5cm). **Weight:** 12st 7lbs (79.5kg).  
**Junior Club:** Peakhurst

A local junior who joined the Saints in 1978 and has played 63 games with St George. Has earned a reputation of being one of the hardest working tacklers in the game. This year has remained one of the club's most consistent first graders with his "never say die attitude".

**STEVE MORRIS:** Age 23  
**Weight:** 11st 4lbs (71.8kg). **Height:** 5'9" (175cm).  
**Junior clubs:** Collegians at Wollongong; Dapto.  
**Representative Honours:** Illawarra; Country 2nds; Sydney 2nds; NSW; Australia.  
**Employment:** Physical education teacher.

Slippery by name and by nature. Uncanny speed off the mark has put him over for many tries in all classes of football. Because of this can swing a game in an instant.



**GRAHAM QUINN:** Age 27  
**Weight:** 13st 7lbs (85.9kg). **Height:** 6' (183cm).  
**Junior club:** Brisbane Brothers.  
**Representative honours:** Brisbane; Queensland; Sydney; NSW; Australia.

**Employment:** Account manager with Henry Jones Ltd — (IXL).  
 Capable of holding his own with any centre — ask Mick Cronin. Blends in well with the St George style of play and is a good team man.



**ROD REDDY:** Age 26  
**Weight:** 14st 6lbs (91.8kg). **Height:** 6'2" (188cm).  
**Junior club:** Rockhampton Past Christian Brothers.  
**Representative Honours:** Sydney; NSW; Australia.  
**Employment:** Cellarman at the Leagues Club.

Has done it all and still has plenty to come. Clever ball player who continually makes openings for his teammates. Constant danger to all teams.



**MITCH BREENAN:** Age 25  
**Weight:** 13st 10lbs (87.3kg). **Height:** 6' 1" (185cm).  
**Junior club:** Brisbane Souths.  
**Representative honours:** City Firsts in Brisbane; Brisbane; selected for NSW but ruled out because of injury.  
**Employment:** Professional Athlete.

One of the games best flankmen as his 14 tries this season and 19 last year testifies. Enormously gifted athlete who uses the normal methods of beating a man such as speed, accelerating, swerve and sidestep and change of pace as well, as other unconventional ways such as spinning out of tackles.

# Players' profiles

**STEVE BUTLER:** Age 24  
**Weight:** 13st 7lbs (85.9kg). **Height:** 6' (183cm).  
**Junior clubs:** Shortland at Newcastle; Arncliffe Scots.  
**Representative Honours:** NSW Combined High Schools.  
**Employment:** Taxation Investigator.  
 A valuable team player especially because of his versatility. Equally at home on the wing or at fullback and also is a capable centre.



**JOHN DOWLING:** Age 27  
**Weight:** 12st 12lbs (82kg). **Height:** 5'9" (175cm)  
**Junior clubs:** Murwillumbah Brothers, Wynnum-Manly in Brisbane.  
**Representative Honours:** Brisbane.  
**Employment:** Promotions agent.  
 Good tough hooker forward of the old school. Always on the ball and solid front-on defender.



**ROBERT FINCH:** Age 23  
**Weight:** 13st (82.7kg). **Height:** 5'11" (180cm).  
**Junior clubs:** Tenambit; Maitland.  
**Representative honours:** Australian Schoolboys to England.  
**Employment:** Sales Representative with James N. Kirby.  
 An unselfish player who is continually trying to put his teammates away. Good defender who reads a game well.



**GEORGE GRANT:** Age 24  
**Weight:** 14st 7lbs (2.3kg). **Height:** 6'3" (190.5cm).  
**Junior clubs:** Crookwell; Allawah.  
**Representative Honours:** Nil.  
**Employment:** Telecom Technician.  
 Fits in well with the pack. Has developed his attacking skills and is a strong defender. One of the games best goalkickers.

**MICHEL SORRIDIMI:** Age 23  
**Weight:** 12st 7lbs (79.5kg). **Height:** 6' (183cm).  
**Junior club:** Kingsgrove Colts.  
**Representative Honours:** Sydney Under 23.  
**Employment:** Bank Loans officer.  
 Developed into a worthy first grader. His acceleration makes him a menace to all opponents. Good finisher.



**BRUCE STARKEY:** Age 26  
**Weight:** 14st 7lbs (92.3kg). **Height:** 5'11" (180cm).  
**Junior club:** Arncliffe Scots.  
**Representative honours:** NSW.  
**Employment:** Policeman.  
 Tough, rugged player who is always in the thick of things. No nonsense defender who runs straight and hard.



# Players' profiles



**ROBERT STONE:** Age 24  
**Weight:** 15st 2lbs (96.4kg). **Height:** 6' (183cm).  
**Junior clubs:** Marist Brothers Kogarah; Allawah.  
**Representative honours:** Sydney Under 23, Sydney 2nds.  
**Employment:** Schoolteacher.

Loves to run with the ball, and rightly so. Powerful man who usually takes two and three players to the ground with him.



**TONY TRUDGETT:** Age 24  
**Weight:** 12st 7lbs (79.5kg). **Height:** 5'8½" (174cm).  
**Junior clubs:** Oberon, Thirroul.  
**Representative Honours:** Country 2nds; City 2nds; NSW.  
**Employment:** Carpenter.

A strong defensive pivot with the ability to take advantage of any gap in his opponent's defence. Unselfish player.

**GRAEME WYNN:** Age 21  
**Weight:** 15st (95.5kg). **Height:** 6'2½" (189cm).

**Junior clubs:** Temora; Werris Creek; Newcastle Wests.

**Representative Honours:** Newcastle; Country 1sts; Sydney 2nds; NSW; Australia.

**Employment:** Sales executive with Penfolds.

Hard running and hard working forward. Difficult to tackle and because of this can make breaks through the ruck, or out wide.



**CRAIG YOUNG:** Age 24  
**Weight:** 16st (101.8kg). **Height:** 6' (183cms).  
**Junior clubs:** Corrimal; Thirroul.  
**Representative honours:** Australian Schoolboys; Illawarra, Country 2nds; Sydney; NSW; Australia.  
**Employment:** Policeman.

Has all the attributes of a truly great front rower. Tough, hard, resourceful, mobile and with clever ball skills that make him a master of his craft.



**BRIAN JOHNSTON:** Age 22  
**Weight:** 13st 5lbs (86.5kg). **Height:** 6' (18.3cms).  
**Junior club:** Dunedoo.  
**Representative Honours:** Country.  
**Employment:** Painter.

One of the new sensations of the 1980 season Johnston has shown great attacking flair with pace and very strong defence.



**SHANE McKELLAR:** Age 21  
**Weight:** 13st 8lbs (86.9kg). **Height:** 5'11" (180cm).  
**Junior Club:** Goulburn.  
**Representatives Honours:** Illawarra.  
**Employment:** Storeman.

Feeling his way into Sydney football McKellar is improving his game every outing and will be a star of the future.

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**CRAIG YOUNG**

*Photo: Rugby League Week*

*Penfolds*



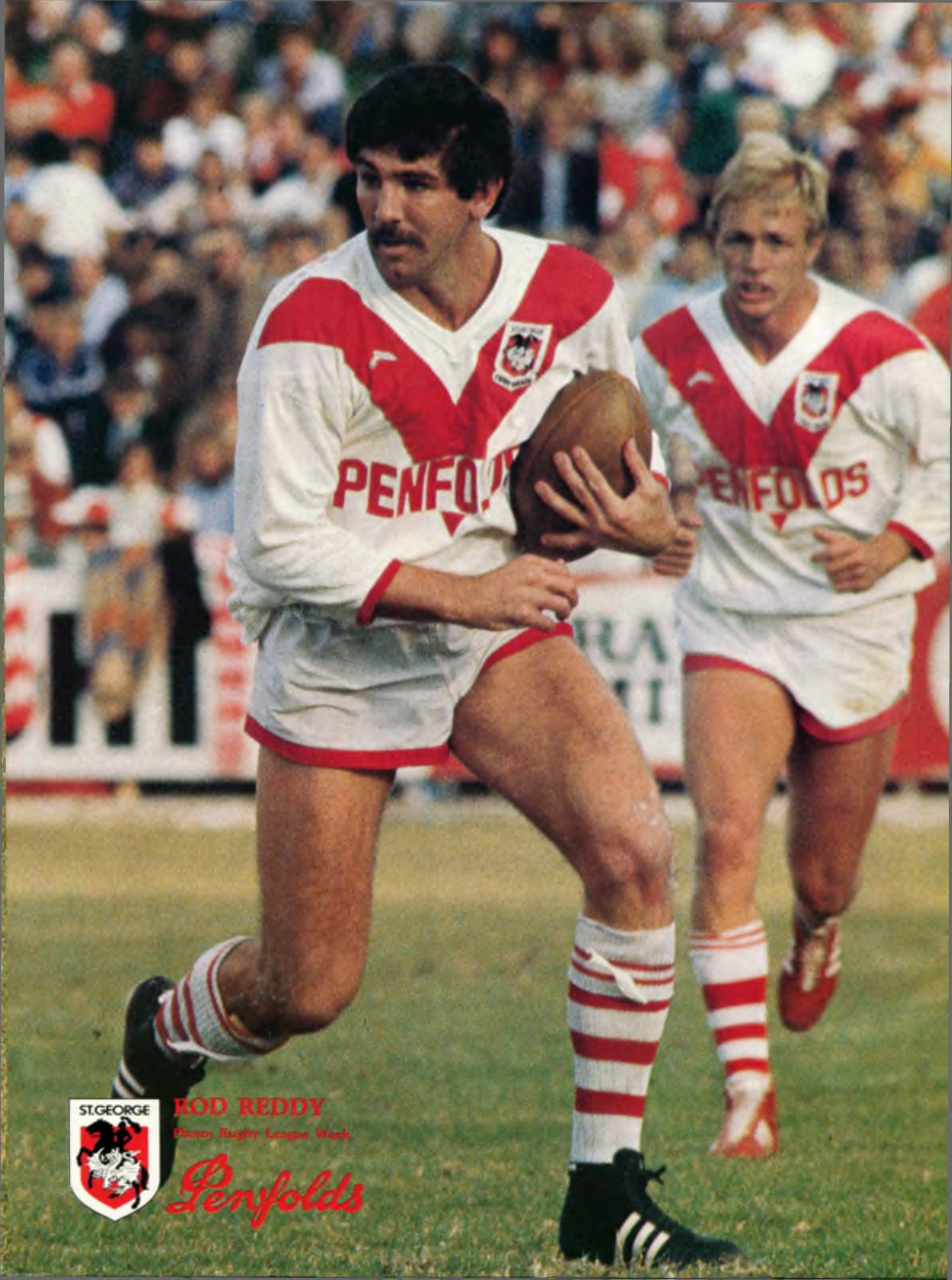
*Penfold's*







The 1980 First Grade Rugby League squad, from left to right, Back Row: S. McKellar, B. Johnson, M. Brennan, S. Butler, M. Sorridimi, B. Johnston, J. Dowling, T. Trudgett, Middle Row: R. Stone, G. Newham, G. Grant, R. Reddy, G. Wynn, B. Starkey, J. Jansen, Front Row: K. Kearney, G. Buckley, C. Young, G. Quinn, R. Finch, S. Morris.



**ROD REDDY**  
Photo: Rugby League Week  
*Penfold's*

# The League's Club

**St George League's Club was opened in 1952 in premises near the intersection of Rocky Point Road and the Princes Highway, Kogarah.**

Even in those early days there was close liaison between the Football and League's Clubs.

When St George began the triumphant march through the football record books in 1956, the League's Club gained similar momentum.

Guided by astute businessmen, the club moved to the present multi-million dollar premises in 1963.

Ideally situated near Jubilee Oval, the League's Club went from strength to strength.

Baden Wales was the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Glyn Price, who is now Honorary Assistant Secretary of the Football Club, was the manager.

They introduced many firsts to the Sydney entertainment scene as the Club became the showplace of the famous.

Not only did the night owl enjoy superb facilities, but so did the sportsman and the gourmet.

Today the League's Club is established on a very sound financial basis.

The bond between the League's and Football Clubs is stronger than ever and will remain so.

The financial results have reflected the sound administration of the Board of Directors and Management of the Club.

The current Board of Directors consists of A. Mackie (chairman), R. Lawes (deputy chairman), E. Black, L. Kelly, H. Maher, B. Wales, J. Fleming, H. Bath, W. Saunders, L. Doust (manager) and D. Robinson (secretary).

With current club membership at 48,000 plus, the club is currently thriving.

First class entertainment and restaurant facilities are high on the priority list for members.

Recent entertainment includes performances by Marcia Hines, Jon English, Tina Turner, Des O'Connor, Rolf Harris, Val Doonican, the 5th Dimension, Brotherhood of Man and  
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Blood, Sweat and Tears, together with a lavish production of the musical *My Fair Lady*.

Facilities are constantly being improved by the League's Club for members, particularly those which will assist the Football Club.

Recent improvements include the construction of a new spa pool area and renovations to the gymnasium and sports area.

The introduction of video replays of all St George matches for members has also been welcomed by many.

# 1980 Pre-season

St George started the Craven Cup competition against old rivals South Sydney with a dominating six point victory.

Played on Rabbitoh territory at Redfern Oval, Saints notched up a 21-15 victory running in five tries to three.

Graeme Wynn and Brian Johnson showed early form as the team combined well to send them over for two tries a piece.

Shane McKellar showed plenty of promise with a try and George Grant potted three goals.

Any hopes St George had of taking out the Cup were dashed in the encounter with Balmain at Leichhardt Oval the following week.

The Tigers, always hard to beat on their home ground, proved too good on the night with a resounding 29-8 win.

Balmain crossed the line for seven tries and four goals while George Grant kicked four goals for St George.

The following week Saints were at home to Cronulla and on Jubilee Oval the Dragons comfortably outplayed their near rivals for a 24-12 victory.

Wynn put away six useful goals while tries were scored by McKellar, John Jansen, Steve Morris and Wynn.

Manly won the Craven Cup by beating Balmain under lights at the Sydney Cricket Ground.



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Fullback Brian Johnson sets sail upfield with Graeme Wynn following.

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*Graeme Wynn in the motions of getting away his pass while being tackled.*



*The East's defence swarm in around Shane McKellar.*

# St George make the five

**St George clinched fourth spot in the final five after one of the most exciting finishes to the Sydney Rugby League competition ever.**

The Saints downed Parramatta 20-11 at Cumberland Oval in the last match after earlier facing the possibility of play-offs for the final five.

Had Manly beaten Cronulla in the last round the Saints faced a play-off if they lost to Parramatta.

Not being able to count on a Cronulla win (which proved in the end to be a surprise result) the Saints were literally fighting for their premiership lives against Parramatta.

Parramatta got off to an early start against St George, but in the 28th minute hooker, John Dowling, remedied the situation with a try.

A minute before half-time Graeme Wynn went over to score giving the Saints a 12-4 lead at the break.

A second half fightback from Parramatta was ended midway through the half as John Jansen went over.

It was a happy return to form for the Saints who had been struggling in previous matches.

Skipper, Craig Young, described the

match as easily the best St George had played in a long time.

And despite the fourth position in the five St George looked good coming into the finals.

In a tight competition St George are the reigning premiers and are hitting their straps as the final matches are played.

It was ironic that the other team which showed real form in the week before the finals was the side which went down to St George in the grand final last year, Canterbury.

Canterbury were at the bottom end of the five when they made the grand final last year and the boot is on the other foot.

But the evenness of the competition entitles St George supporters to a degree of confidence.

Still the big problem at such a crucial time is injuries.

The Saints still have forwards sidelined, five-eighth Tony Trudgett carrying a knee injury and a lack of fit reserves.

But outweighing that are form and experience.

The Saints are the big match players. Last year's premiership and the

experience of players like Craig Young, Robert Finch and Robert Stone as well as the skill and experience of coach Harry Bath count for more than most realize.

## Round 22

**St George v Parramatta**  
**ST GEORGE 20 (P. Graham, G. Buckley, J. Jansen, J. Dowling tries; G. Wynn 4 goals) d**  
**PARRAMATTA 11 (S. Edge try; M. Levy 4 goals) at Cumberland Oval. Crowd: 19,849.**

First Scorers: St George: Wynn goal; Dowling try. Parramatta: Levy goal; Edge try.

Scrum: Parramatta 13-12.  
 Penalties: Parramatta 11-10.

## RESERVE GRADE

**PARRAMATTA 17 (G. Atkins, P. Mann, G. Murray tries; M. Collins 4 goals) b**  
**ST GEORGE 8 (Conway, M. Sorridimi tries; G. Grant goal).**

## UNDER 23s

**PARRAMATTA 23**  
**(Crossingham 2, Grothe, Taylor, Williams tries; Garnon 4 goals) d**  
**ST GEORGE 5 (Stone try; Wilson goal).**

# Match summaries

## Round 1

### St George v South Sydney

St George were the first team in 1980 to feel the challenge of a plucky South Sydney team.

The reigning premiers found first of all that form in the 1980 season would be nothing to go by.

A huge worry for Saints was a depressed fracture of the cheek bone which was received by hooker John Dowling.

In short the first game meant Bath's worries had started.

**SOUTHS 26 (R. Laurie 2, J. Squadrito, J. Swift, G. Jones, K. Stewart tries; P. Smith 4 goals) d SAINTS 12 (S. Morris 2 tries; G. Wynn three goals) at Kogarah. Crowd: 9,371.**

First Scorers: Saints: Morris try.

Souths: Squadrito try.

Scrum: Saints 9-6.

Penalties: Saints 14-7.

## Round 2

### St George v Newtown

In a fiery clash at Henson Park the Saints got back on the right track beating Newtown 17-11.

Graeme Wynn proved his point-scoring abilities in this game kicking seven goals from nine attempts. Slippery Steve Morris added his touch to the game bursting through the Newtown defence on several occasions in the match.

**ST GEORGE 17 (Trudgett try, Wynn 7 goals), d NEWTOWN 11 (Sigsworth, Doyle, O'Brien tries, Sigsworth goal) at Henson Park. Crowd: 6,863.**

Scrum: Newtown 10-5.

Penalties: Saints 12-10.

First Scorers: Saints: Wynn goal, Morris try. Newtown: Sigsworth try.

## Round 3

### St George v Cronulla

In a controversial game which saw Saints skipper Craig Young play with blood streaming from his face the Dragons felt a huge slump going down 32-7 to Tom Bishop's Cronulla side.

One St George player remarked after the game that it was a great day for the beach.

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It was just unfortunately one of those rare days when nothing went right for St George and everything worked for the opposition.

**CRONULLA 32 (G. Gardner 2, R. Bourke, G. Cox, K. Sorensen, J. Glossop tries; G. Cox 7 goals) d ST GEORGE 7 (R. Finch try; G. Wynn 2 goals) at Kogarah. Crowd: 16,650.**

First Scorers: St George: Finch try.

Cronulla: Cox goal, Gardner try.

Scrum: Cronulla 11-8.

Penalties: Cronulla 9-6.

## Round 4

### St George v Penrith

Penrith coach, Len Stacker, could say little about his own team after this match.

Saints humbled the Panthers 36-12 at Jubilee Oval and Stacker said afterward that it was a better St George side than 1979's team.

The St George machine went through all its gears in this match.

For second rower Graeme Wynn it was a special day, his birthday. Wynn turned 21 the night before and celebration was postponed till after the match when everybody celebrated along with him.

**ST GEORGE 36 (S. McKellar 2, B. Johnson, R. Finch, T. Trudgett, G. Wynn, J. Dowling, B. Starkey tries; G. Grant 6 goals) d PENRITH 12 (K. Dann 2 tries; P. Schofield 2 goals) at Jubilee Oval. Crowd: 8,854.**

First Scorers: St George: Grant goal, Dowling try. Penrith: Schofield goal, Dann try.

Scrum: St George 12-5.

Penalties: Penrith 11-8.

## Round 5

### St George v North Sydney

St George walked away with the winners points from North Sydney Oval but it was at a high price.

The Saints 20-16 winners lost prop, Bruce Starkey, who broke his ankle in the match.

The loss was one which the Saints were to find a problem for the rest of the year.

Starkey had been in fine form. The

match did see hooker John Dowling show a hidden talent — goal kicking. Dowling kicked five goals from as many attempts after George Grant was forced from the field with an injured hip.

**ST GEORGE 20 (S. Morris, G. Buckley tries; G. Grant, R. Reddy, J. Dowling 5 goals) d NORTHS 16 (M. Harris, S. Mayoh tries; R. Henniker 5 goals) at North Sydney Oval. Crowd: 5,600.**

First Scorers: Norths: Henniker goal, Harris try. St George: Grant goal, Morris try.

Scrum: St George 11-2.

## Round 6

### St George v Manly

This time round St George took on Manly, the team with so much talent and won.

The Dragons were magnificent as they destroyed Manly's defence finishing the match 21-2 victors.

Saints were methodical as they dissected the Sea Eagles.

The star of the St George win was second rower Graeme Wynn who not only tackled like a champion but destroyed the Manly defence with his attack.

At this stage in the competition Saints were two points behind Western Suburbs, the competition leaders, and equal with Cronulla, Canterbury and Newtown.

**ST GEORGE 21 (G. Wynn 2, S. Morris, M. Brennan, W. Buckley tries; Wynn 3 goals) d MANLY 2 (G. Eadie goal) at Brookvale Oval. Crowd: 16,301.**

First Scorers: Manly: Eadie goal. St George: Morris try.

Scrum: Manly 9-8.

Penalties: Manly 13-7.

## Round 7

### St George v Western Suburbs

In an action packed match the Saints toppled Western suburbs 22-3 to be one of three teams on 10 points and equal leaders.

Saints were with Cronulla and Wests on top of the table after the match.

An outstanding display from Craig

Young was a key reason in the win.

With plenty of possession St George managed to hold onto the ball and graft their way through a tough struggle.

It was not as one sided as the score suggested and there is no doubting the toughness of the match.

**ST GEORGE 22 (G. Wynn 2, S. Morris, M. Brennan tries; Wynn 5 goals) d WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Merlo try) at Jubilee Oval. Crowd: 19,372.**

First Scorers: St George: Wynn goal, Morris try. Wests: Merlo try.

Scrums: St George 12-5.

Penalties: St George 10-7.

### Round 8

#### St George v Canterbury

This match was billed as a mini grand final and that wasn't far from the mark.

St George streaked ahead to a 17-2 lead, the same as the half time lead in the grand final.

The second half saw Canterbury, in accordance with the script, fight back to come within striking distance but the St George team was not overcome.

The win kept Saints as equal leaders and with Cronulla dropping off the top points there was only Saints and Wests clear of the field.

**ST GEORGE 19 (R. Finch, S. McKellar, S. Morris tries; G. Wynn 4 goals) d CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN 12 (M. Hughes, S. Folkes tries; S. Gearin 3 goals) at Belmore Oval.**

First Scorers: St George: Finch try. Canterbury: Gearin goal, Hughes try.

Scrums: St George 11-10.

Penalties: Canterbury 11-9.

### Round 9

#### St George v Eastern Suburbs

The Saints had to settle for a 10-all draw in this one.

The Eastern Suburbs backline did more than its share of damage to the Dragon slayers at Jubilee Oval on this day.

But to the end the Saints did try to get the two points with Graeme Wynn taking field goal attempts.

The attempts did not produce the desired result and the match was one which could have left St George officials happier.

**ST GEORGE 10 (S. Morris, T. Trudgett tries; G. Wynn 2 goals) drew with EASTERN SUBURBS**

**10 (N. Cleal, B. Andrews tries; Andrews 2 goals) at Jubilee Oval. Crowd: 12,188.**

First Scorers: St George: Morris try.

Easts: Cleal try.

Scrums: Easts 9-8.

Penalties: Easts 12-6.

### Round 10

#### St George v Balmain

A case of dropping the "pill" and some loose defence left the Saints without any competition points from this encounter.

Without Craig Young, Rod Reddy or Graeme Wynn, Saints were not as authoritative.

All three players were in New Zealand with the Australian team for this match leaving Balmain a slight advantage from the start.

But the match was not all bad for St George. Several good efforts were noted and it looked as if the points would go to the red and whites early in the game. But Balmain managed through more than anyone else, half Percy Knight to take the match 27-16.

**BALMAIN 27 (W. Wigham 4, L. Corowa tries; W. Miranda 6 goals) d ST GEORGE 16 (B. Johnson, J. Jansen, R. Stone, M. Brennan tries; G. Grant 2 goals) at Leichhardt Oval. Crowd: 8,389**

First Scorers: Balmain: Miranda goal, Wigham try. St George: Johnson try.

Scrums: St George 8-7.

Penalties: Balmain 8-5.

### Round 11

#### St George v Parramatta

Rival teams St George and Parramatta always produce a tough encounter.

This match at Jubilee Oval was no different.

Still without their three forward stars and centre Graham Quinn St George fought hard against a Parramatta side that was not as affected by the Australian tour.

Parramatta with a bigger reservoir of players below could still field a near international pack.

The final score of 19-12 left Saints on equal competition points behind Wests and Manly.

**PARRAMATTA 19 (N. Hunt, B. O'Reilly, G. Atkins tries; T. Melrose 5 goals) d ST GEORGE 12 (S. Morris, M. Brennan tries; J. Dowling 2, Grant goals) at Jubilee Oval. Crowd: 18,181.**

First Scorers: Parramatta: Melrose goal, Hunt try. St George: Grant goal, Morris try.

Scrums: St George 10-7.

Penalties: St George 12-10.

### Round 12

#### St George v South Sydney

St George proved themselves Sydney's number one team as they took sweet revenge over South Sydney.

Saints were 10 points behind but fought back like only true champions can to win the match 18-17 at Redfern Oval.

Craig Young after a rigorous New Zealand tour had all guns blazing and the furthest thing from his mind was the thought of taking a rest.

Young amazed opposition coach Bill Anderson with his work rate in the game.

**ST GEORGE 18 (B. Johnson 3, J. Dowling tries; G. Wynn 3 goals) d SOUTHS 17 (P. Tunks, G. Knight, R. Laurie tries; S. Walsh 4 goals) at Redfern Oval. Crowd: 8,254.**

First Scorers: St George: Wynn goal; Johnson try. Souths: Walsh goal, Tunks try.

Scrums: St George 12-8.

Penalties: St George 14-8.

### Round 13

#### St George v Newtown

Saints took the points at Jubilee Oval from Newtown but finished the game with two injured centres.

Graham Quinn and Robert Finch were both in doubt afterward with Quinn the worse off with a dislocated shoulder.

Saints won the match despite having played in a Tooth Cup match earlier in the week.

The spoiling Newtown side was anything but an easy opponent and the win was better than many gave credit for.

**ST GEORGE 19 (G. Wynn, J. Jansen, B. Johnson tries; G. Wynn 5 goals) d NEWTOWN 15 (K. Wilson, T. Raudonikis, M. Ryan tries; K. Wilson 3 goals) at Kogarah Jubilee Oval. Crowd: 8,404.**

First Scorers: St George: Wynn goal, try. Newtown: Raudonikis try.

Scrums: Newtown 12-6.

Penalties: St George 14-10.

## Round 14

### St George v Cronulla

This local derby at Endeavour is normally a disaster for St George. But not this year.

St George hit all the high gears as they left Cronulla wondering what had happened.

The 25-12 scoreline was almost incidental in this game as St George played too well to ever lose control.

**ST GEORGE 25 (R. Finch 2, R. Reddy, B. Johnson, B. Johnston tries; G. Wynn 5 goals) d CRONULLA 12 (T. Graham, G. Mulane tries; G. Cox 2, S. Rogers goals) at Endeavour Field. Crowd: 14,249.**

First Scorers: St George: Reddy try. Cronulla: Rogers goal, Mullane try.  
Scrum: St George 9-8.  
Penalties: Cronulla 9-8.

## Round 15

### St George v Penrith

One of the most sensational tries of the season came from some quick thinking by skipper Craig Young in this match giving St George the competition points.

Penrith surprisingly played like a crack outfit to lead Saints 20-14 in the 71st minute.

Skipper Craig Young got into first gear when he sent prop John Jansen over the line with about nine minutes left.

And then with a minute and a half to go and Penrith attacking the Saints line Young intercepted a pass and sent Brian Johnson running the length of the field to score and have Saints winning 24-20.

**ST GEORGE 24 (R. Reddy, S. Morris, J. Jansen, B. Johnson tries; S. McKellar 6 goals) d PENRITH 20 (H. Foster, J. Ryan, tries; G. Jennings 7 goals) at Penrith Park. Crowd: 9,683.**

First Scorers: St George: McKellar goal, Reddy try. Penrith: Jennings goal, Ryan try.

Scrum: St George 10-5.  
Penalties: Penrith 13-7.

## Round 16

### St George v North Sydney

At Kogarah Oval St George were not to be beaten this week.

In a fine display against a determined North Sydney team St George came home 18-10 winners.

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**ST GEORGE 18 (P. Graham 2, J. Jansen, B. Johnson tries; G. Wynn 3 goals) d NORTHS 10 (L. Kelly, K. Harris tries; Kelly 2 goals) at Kogarah Jubilee Oval. Crowd: 6,291.**

First Scorers: St George: Jansen try. North: Kelly try.

Scrum: 13-all.

Penalties: St George 9-6.

## Round 17

### St George v Manly

In a controversial match the Saints had to settle with a 19-all draw against the Sea Eagles.

St George were the victims of some much talked about refereeing decisions.

As in any draw between sides of such calibre both teams played well

**ST GEORGE 19 (M. Brennan, B. Johnston, S. Morris tries; G. Wynn 5 goals) drew with MANLY 19 (S. Booth, G. Eadie, M. Meredith tries; G. Eadie 5 goals) at Kogarah Jubilee Oval. Crowd: 18,153.**

First Scorers: St George: Wynn goal, Morris try. Manly: Eadie goal, try.

Scrum: Manly 10-5.

Penalties: St George 11-8.

## Round 18

### St George v Wests

Western Suburbs shook the Saints off the equal premiersip lead with a 15-10 win at Lidcombe Oval

Playing with only 12 men for much of the match Wests turned on one of the most courageous wins in years.

The Dragons did not get the points on the day but few could begrudge Wests their effort.

**WESTS 15 (J. Leis, A. Neil tries; R. Giteau 4 goals, T. Lamb field goal) d ST GEORGE 10 (B. Johnston, G. Buckley tries; G. Wynn 2 goals) at Lidcombe Oval. Crowd: 17,492.**

First Scorers: Wests: Giteau goal, Leis try. St George: Wynn goal, Johnston try.

Scrum: Wests 16-8.

Penalties: West 10-9

## Round 19

### St George v Canterbury

A loss to Canterbury after Wests was something Saints couldn't really afford in this tight 1980 competition.

St George went down 15-7 to the Bulldogs as Canterbury took revenge

for last year's grand final and the first round encounter.

But more than just the taste losing leaves in a team's mouth the loss put St George in the biggest premiersip melting pot ever.

Five teams were locked on 24 points after the round with only Wests able to get the extra two points to stay clear.

**CANTERBURY 15 (S. Gearin, Garry Hughes, S. Cutler tries; Gearin 3 goals) d ST GEORGE 7 (B. Johnston try; G. Wynn 2 goals) at Kogarah Jubilee oval. Crowd: 16,598.**

First Scorers: Canterbury: Gearin try, goal. St George: Wynn goal, Johnston try.

Scrum: St George 9-5.

Penalties: St George 10-8.

Penalties: Canterbury 10-8.

## Round 20

### St George v Eastern Suburbs

The Dragons slipped further down the premiersip scale to a crack Eastern Suburbs team but were dealt a heavy blow to make matters worse in this round.

Second rower, Rod Reddy, was sent off and suspended for two weeks on a charge of kicking.

**EASTS 10 (K. Boustead try; K. Hastings 3 goals, M. Gurr field goal) d ST GEORGE 4 (G. Wynn 2 goals) at the Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 19,716.**

First Scorers: St George: Wynn goal. Easts: Hastings goal.

Scrum: Easts 7-6.

Penalties: St George 16-13.

## Round 21

### St George v Balmain

St George ended their losing spree at Jubilee Oval against Balmain in this match to place the side's semi final chances in a delicate balance.

Against Balmain St George's form was good enough but short of the best. But the 11-7 win allowed the Dragons hope.

The rest we know.

**ST GEORGE 11 (S. Morris try; G. Wynn 4 goals) d BALMAIN 7 (W. Wigham try, W. Miranda 2 goals) at Kogarah Oval. Crowd: 8,700.**

First Scorers: St George: Wynn goal. Balmain: Wigham try.

Scrum: St George 8-7.

Penalties: St George 16-10.

# Saints march on

## Official 1979 Point Scores

### First Grade report

Player	Games	Tries	Goals	EG	Points
G. Wynn	18	6	61	—	140
S. Morris	22	11	—	—	33
B. Johnson	22	9	—	—	27
J. Dowling	20	3	8	—	25
S. McKellar	15	3	6	—	21
G. Grant	4	—	10	—	20
R. Finch	19	5	—	—	15
J. Jansen	15	5	—	—	15
M. Brennan	11	5	—	—	15
B. Johnston	18	4	—	—	12
G. Buckley	17	4	—	—	12
T. Trudgett	19	3	—	—	9
R. Reddy	14	2	1	—	8
P. Graham	12	3	—	—	9
R. Stone	14	1	—	—	3
B. Starkey	4	1	—	—	3
C. Young	19	—	—	—	—
G. Quinn	12	—	—	—	—
M. Sorridimi	6	—	—	—	—
B. Buchanan	5	—	—	—	—
G. Newham	5	—	—	—	—
M. Beattie	5	—	—	—	—
P. Jarvis	2	—	—	—	—
J. Conway	1	—	—	—	—

### MATCH RECORD

Played	Ground	Result	Score
Souths	Kogarah Jubilee	L	12-26
Newtown	Henson Park	W	17-11
Cronulla	Kogarah Jubilee	L	7-32
Penrith	Kogarah Jubilee	W	36-12
Norths	North Sydney	W	20-16
Manly	Brookvale	W	21- 2
Wests	Kogarah Jubilee	W	22- 3
Canterbury	Belmore	W	19-12
Easts	Kogarah Jubilee	D	10-10
Balmain	Leichhardt	L	16-27
Parramatta	Kogarah Jubilee	L	12-19
Souths	Redfern	W	18-17
Newtown	Kogarah Jubilee	W	19-15
Cronulla	Endeavour	W	25-12
Penrith	Penrith Park	W	24-20
Norths	Kogarah Jubilee	W	18-10
Manly	Kogarah Jubilee	D	19-19
Wests	Lidcombe	L	10-15
Canterbury	Kogarah Jubilee	L	7-15
Easts	Sports Ground	L	4-10
Balmain	Kogarah Jubilee	W	11- 7
Parramatta	Cumberland	W	20-11

### TOOTH CUP

Date	Opponents	Result	Score
April 9	v Balmain	W	16- 5
June 25	v North Sydney	W	40- 9
July 16	v Wests	L	4-10

### CRAVEN CUP

Team	Ground	Result	Score
Souths	Redfern	W	21-15
Balmain	Leichhardt	L	8-29
Cronulla	Kogarah Jubilee	W	24-12

### THE CROWDS

Team	No	Ground	No	Ground
Souths	9376	Kogarah	8254	Redfern
Newtown	6863	Henson	8404	Kogarah
Cronulla	17,291	Kogarah	14,249	Endeavour
Penrith	8845	Jubilee	9683	Penrith Park
Norths	5800	Nth Sydney	6291	Kogarah
Manly	16,301	Brookvale	18,153	Kogarah
Wests	19,872	Jubilee	17,492	Lidcombe
Canterbury	25,148	Belmore	16,598	Kogarah
Easts	12,188	Kogarah	19,716	Sports Grnd
Balmain	8389	Leichhardt	10,713	Kogarah
Parramatta	18,181	Kogarah	19,849	Cumberland

### FIRST GRADE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EASTS	14	2	6	339	249	30
CANTERBURY	15	—	7	361	334	30
WESTS	14	—	8	429	308	28
ST GEORGE	13	2	7	367	321	28
SOUTHS	12	1	9	392	318	25
Parramatta	11	2	9	420	317	24
Manly	11	2	9	335	354	24
Newtown	11	1	10	348	357	23
Cronulla	9	2	11	350	346	20
Balmain	7	—	15	330	382	14
Norths	6	1	15	282	405	13
Penrith	2	1	19	294	556	5

### RESERVES

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PARRAMATTA	18	1	3	437	202	37
SOUTHS	13	1	8	318	236	27
CANTERBURY	12	1	9	353	297	25
PENRITH	12	1	9	318	292	25
MANLY	12	1	9	310	292	25
Easts	12	—	10	311	254	24
St George	12	—	10	298	331	24
Norths	11	—	11	311	404	22
Balmain	10	1	11	286	264	21
Wests	7	1	14	309	319	15
Cronulla	6	2	14	235	329	14
Newtown	2	1	19	221	487	5

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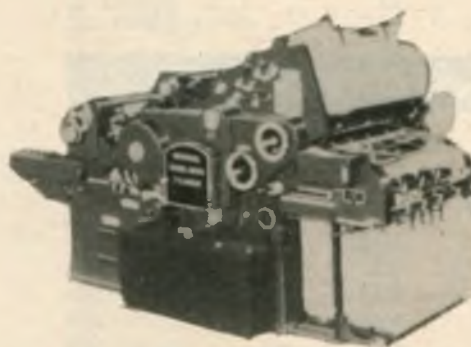
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SOUTHS	14	—	8	292	226	28
Cronulla	13	—	9	303	248	26
Canterbury	8	1	13	244	304	17
St George	8	1	13	254	361	17
Manly	8	—	14	241	322	16
Penrith	7	1	14	300	329	15
Norths	6	—	16	270	345	12
Newtown	4	—	18	222	435	8

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	1st	Res	U23	Pts
PARRAMATTA	96	111	66	273
EASTS	120	72	62	254
SOUTHS	100	81	56	237
CANTERBURY	120	75	34	229
WESTS	112	45	66	223
ST GEORGE	112	72	34	218
MANLY	96	75	32	203
BALMAIN	56	63	56	175
CRONULLA	80	42	52	174
NORTHS	52	66	24	142
PENRITH	20	75	30	125
NEWTOWN	92	15	16	123

## TOP TRY SCORERS

- 16: W. WIGHAM (BALMAIN).  
 14: J. Ribot (West).  
 12: S. Gearin (Canterbury), N. Glover (Parramatta), M. Hicks (Penrith).  
 11: S. Morris (St George), T. Mooney (Manly).  
 9: B. Johnston (St George), G. Mullane (Cronulla), G. Dowling (Parramatta), Z. Niszcot (Souths), T. Lamb (West).  
 8: C. Gardner (Cronulla), K. Boustead, K. Hastings (East), K. Dann (Penrith), N. Gibbs (Souths), R. Giteau, J. Leis (West).  
 7: C. Anderson, M. Creevey, S. Cutler (Canterbury), N. Cleal (East), W. Boland, R. Cooper (West).

## TOP SCORERS

K. WILSON (NEWTOWN)	5	90	2	197
S. Gearin (Canterbury)	12	76	—	188
M. Cronin (Parramatta)	6	79	—	176
G. Eadie (Manly)	2	80	—	166
R. Giteau (West)	8	68	—	160
W. Miranda (Balmain)	1	78	—	159
G. Wynn (St George)	6	61	—	140
R. Henniker (Norths)	3	60	1	130
S. Rogers (Cronulla)	6	46	—	110
E. Ferguson (Souths)	1	42	—	87
P. Schofield (Penrith)	1	39	—	81
G. Jennings (Penrith)	6	30	—	78
B. Andrews (East)	3	32	—	73

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# Reserve Grade

Player	Games	Tries	Goals	FG	Points
G. Grant	14	—	47	—	94
K. Kearney	15	5	14	—	43
S. McKellar	9	4	10	—	32
J. Conway	13	8	—	—	24
T. Cocking	17	5	—	—	15
M. Sorridimi	16	5	—	—	15
K. Kelly	16	4	—	—	12
B. Buchanan	17	3	—	—	9
P. Jarvis	19	2	—	—	6
M. Beattie	18	2	—	—	6
W. McGrath	16	2	—	—	6
P. Graham	11	2	—	—	6
J. Jansen	6	2	—	—	6
G. Buckley	4	2	—	—	6
R. Barge	12	1	—	—	3
B. Johnston	5	1	—	—	3
M. Brennan	4	1	—	—	3
R. Finch	2	1	—	—	3
G. Quinn	2	1	—	—	3
T. Trudgett	1	1	—	—	3
S. Butler	14	—	—	—	—
P. Williams	14	—	—	—	—
M. Martin	11	—	—	—	—
M. Burke	9	—	—	—	—
G. Newham	7	—	—	—	—
R. Stone	7	—	—	—	—
B. Starkey	5	—	—	—	—
J. Bird	4	—	—	—	—
C. Salamakis	4	—	—	—	—
I. McLean	3	—	—	—	—
J. Meers	2	—	—	—	—
W. Cook	1	—	—	—	—
J. Corby	1	—	—	—	—
J. Steiger	1	—	—	—	—
D. Stone	1	—	—	—	—

## MATCH RECORD

Team	Round 1	Round 2
Souths	L 14-18	W 11-7
Newtown	L 8-21	W 22-16
Cronulla	W 18-13	W 19-16
Penrith	L 9-10	L 7-12
Norths	W 29-22	W 19-23
Manly	L 5-19	L 2-8
Wests	W 19-13	W 19-5
Canterbury	W 19-17	W 17-16
Easts	W 12-7	L 9-24
Balmain	L 11-20	W 13-3
Parramatta	L 8-34	L 8-17

# Under 23

Player	Games	Tries	Goals	FG	Points
B. Wilson	20	6	37	—	92
N. Dent	14	3	25	1	60
W. Cook	20	5	—	—	15
S. Turner	18	4	—	—	12
D. Stone	18	3	—	—	9
I. Gowan	17	3	—	—	9
R. Lawry	17	3	—	—	9
J. Steiger	14	2	—	—	6
G. Howard	6	2	—	—	6
J. Corby	16	1	—	—	3
S. Jones	13	1	—	—	3
J. Bird	13	1	—	—	3
M. Martin	11	1	—	—	3
J. Meers	11	1	—	—	3
T. Cocking	5	1	—	—	3
K. Kearney	5	1	—	—	3
W. McGrath	5	1	—	—	3
J. Conway	3	1	—	—	3
S. Hooker	2	1	—	—	3
P. Jarvis	2	1	—	—	3
K. Kelly	2	1	—	—	3
M. Lockwood	16	—	—	—	—
C. Salamakis	16	—	—	—	—
I. McLean	13	—	—	—	—
M. Burke	11	—	—	—	—
M. Cullen	11	—	—	—	—
P. Dickson	8	—	—	—	—
F. Ingless	8	—	—	—	—
M. Rayment	7	—	—	—	—
P. Powell	5	—	—	—	—
T. Haracos	4	—	—	—	—
J. Knight	3	—	—	—	—
P. Cullen	1	—	—	—	—
B. McGrath	1	—	—	—	—

## MATCH RECORD

Team	Round 1	Round 2
Souths	W 31-7	W 22-9
Newtown	L 5-9	W 14-11
Cronulla	L 11-28	L 7-11
Penrith	W 17-16	L 5-15
Norths	L 10-13	W 14-12
Manly	W 18-7	L 12-30
Wests	D 11-11	L 5-19
Canterbury	W 14-10	W 20-19
Easts	L 2-19	L 5-19
Balmain	L 7-30	L 15-30
Parramatta	L 4-13	L 5-23

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Versus Cronulla won 14-5; Parramatta won 18-7; Canterbury lost 14-11; Western Suburbs won 35-15; Penrith won 16-15. Lost to Balmain 17-12 after extra time in the semi final.

The St George Squad was: Shaun McRae, Michael O'Brien, Terry Ryan, Peter Cullen, Michael Rayment, Paul McDonnell, Patrick Fairhall (c), Scott Cogar, Enio Briglia, Ian McLean, Michael Cullen, Eddie Sharman (vc), Colin Hickey, Mark O'Donnell, Paul Roberts, Graham Atkins, William Dale, Lee Doulman, Bradley Fowler, Frank Inglese, Brian Cullen, Brad Jenkins.

Coach, Norm Beves; Manager, Mick Kelly.

Selectors: Merv Lynch, Kevin Brown.

Players elevated to grade: Frank Inglese, Michael Rayment, Paul Cullen, Patrick Fairhall, Enio Briglia, Michael Cullen, Ian McLean.



Patrick Fairhall . . . 1980 President's Cup skipper.

## H. Jersey Flegg Cup (18 years)

Versus Cronulla lost 36-8; Parramatta lost 31-2; Canterbury lost 23-10; Western Suburbs lost 14-0; Penrith lost 13-8.

The St George squad was: Dave Thomas, Dennis Hardaker, Shane Meier, Peter Mayoh, George Bryce, Mark Hanlon, Richard Smith (c), Greg Young, Peter Brennan, Steven Hollingsworth, Steven Kepe, Marke Barker, Steven Mackney, Mark O'Keefe, Peter Crouch, Mal Provan, Neil Watson, Michael Bougoukas, Mark Burke, Alan Baker, Wayne Foster, Mark Ginges.

Coach, Garry Newton; Manager, Glenn Berry.

Selectors: Chris Wallace, Tony Arrow.

## S. G. Ball Cup (16 years)

Versus Cronulla lost 10-9; Parramatta lost 20-11; Canterbury lost 29-3; Western Suburbs lost 17-5; Penrith lost 23-15.

The St George Squad was: Michael



Richard Smith . . . captain of the Jersey Flegg team.

Boyd, Brian Malone, Paul Conti, Geoff Logan, Anthony Smith, Peter O'Sullivan, Greg Banks (c), Don Ritchie, John Zagamie, Glenn Montgomery, Brad Perry (vc), Michael Phillips, Wayne Morrison, Mark Vella, Dennis Brooks, Jaimie Kelly, Anthony Lorusso, Peter Barrett, Meno Papadoulis, Greg Smith.

Coach, Kevin Wetherill; Manager, John McLaughlin.

Selectors: Bob Moon, Peter Turnbull.

## Harold Matthews Cup (Under 14 years)

Hosted in 1980 by Canberra District Minor League.

Versus Tamworth won 22-2; Taree won 12-2; Group 12 lost 13-6. Group 12 won the final 24-0 from Cronulla.

The St George squad was: Bret Magney, Daren Barkas, Scott Thompson (c), Shane Tough, Geoff Hardy, Ian Hembrow (vc), Patrick Booth, Phillip Huntington, Glen Robinson, Bernard Power, Wayne Meier, David Coyle, Steve Treleaven, Guy Mozsny, John Moutsos, Phillip Aldred, Trevor Brown.

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# Junior Football

## Grand Final Results

### A GRADE:

Hurstville United (Minor Premiers) 15  
defeated Kingsgrove Colts 5.

### B GRADE:

Under 21 years  
Bexley Kingsgrove (Minor Premiers)  
competition played in conjunction with  
Newtown Junior League Competition  
incomplete.

### C GRADE:

Under 19 years  
Penshurst RSL (Minor Premiers) 12  
defeated Kyeemagh RSL 2.

### D GRADE:

Under 17 years  
Gymea 18 (Cronulla District — Minor  
Premiers) defeated Sutherland 6.

### E GRADE:

Under 16 years  
Penshurst RSL 12 defeated Brighton  
Seagulls (Minor Premiers) 11.

### F GRADE:

Under 15 years  
Arncliffe Scots (Minor Premiers) 17  
defeated Bexley Kingsgrove 0.

### G GRADE:

Under 14 years  
Brighton Seagulls (Minor Premiers) 12  
defeated Kingsgrove Colts 8.

### H GRADE:

Under 13 years  
Bexley Kingsgrove 13 defeated  
Peakhurst Hawks (Minor Premiers) 8.

### J GRADE:

Under 12 years  
Arncliffe Scots 11 defeated Illawarra  
Catholic Club (Minor Premiers) 3.

### K GRADE:

Under 11 years  
Penshurst RSL 6 defeated Brighton  
Seagulls (Minor Premiers) 5.

### L GRADE:

Under 10 years  
Arncliffe Scots (Minor Premiers) 11  
defeated Kingsgrove Colts 0.

### M GRADE:

Under 9 years  
Arncliffe Scots (Minor Premiers) 6  
defeated Renown United 0.

### N GRADE:

Under 8 years  
Arncliffe Scots (Minor Premiers) 12  
defeated Peakhurst Hawks 3.

### O GRADE:

Under 7 years  
Penshurst RSL (Minor Premiers) 12  
defeated Peakhurst Hawks 8.

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*Robert Stone about to pass the ball before Canterbury's Geoff Robinson tackles.*

### SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:

Penshurst RSL	86 points
Brighton Seagulls	60 points
Bexley Kingsgrove	50 points
Kyeemagh RSL	48 points

### JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:

Arncliffe Scots	201 points
Penshurst RSL	149 points
Illawarra Catholic Club	138 points
Kingsgrove Colts	131 points



Photo: Rugby League Week

*Tony Trudgett about to fling a pass to his centres.*

# Junior League Officials

**PATRON:** Mr W. Crabtree, MP,  
Minister for Police and Services.

**PRESIDENT:** Mr S. Shaw.

**SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:** Mr  
M. Lynch.

**HON SECRETARY:** Mr G.  
Lowrie.

**HON TREASURER:** Mr J.  
Richards.

**HON ASSISTANT**

**SECRETARY:** Mr J. Russell.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

C. Menser (deceased), J. Sanderson,

R. Tasker, A. Parry, K. Hall, F.

Jones, K. Brown, J. Murphy, G.

Berry, G. Hamment, W. Spaul, R.

Thompson, R. Peck, I. McLean, R.

Williams, G. Robinson, V. Deverick,  
N. Nicholson.

**RETURNING OFFICER:** Mr I.  
Palmer.

**REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

**COMMITTEE:** D. Ryder, G.

Hamment, W. Spaul.

# District Referees Association

**PATRONS:** C. Wigzell MBE, F.  
Eldred, R. Butcher, A. Anthony, M.

Cohen.

**PRESIDENT:** R. McJannett.

**VICE PRESIDENTS:** K. Page

(senr), Mrs S. Taylor.

**HON SECRETARY:** K. Gardner.

**HON TREASURER:** J. Mitchell.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

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Photo: Rugby League Week

*Robert Stone sights a gap in the defence in this game against Balmain.*



Photo: Rugby League Week

*A friendly discussion with the referee.*



Photo: Rugby League Week

*Congratulations all round after another St George try.*



Photo: Rugby League Week

*Dynamic half-back Steve Morris in full flight against Penrith.*

# Schools Competition

**James Cook High School continued its outstanding form in the coveted Buckley Shield competition when it defeated Tamworth High School 22-8 in the final at Leichhardt Oval.**

Only twice in the history of the Buckley Shield has a city school ever reached the semi finals.

On both occasions it has been James Cook High for a 100 per cent success rate.

Some outstanding young players represented the school in the competition.

They included Philip Tuttington, Tony Danaskas, Patrick Booth, Brett Landers, Steven Treleavon and captain David New.

Mr Allen Kelly, the headmaster at James Cook High, has every reason to be proud of the achievements of the team.

Mr Kelly also works in great harmony with the St George District Rugby League Football Club.

And the district club has no hesitation in conveying its congratulations to the team and coach in winning the coveted shield.

The schools carnival, held on July 5, was once again a resounding success.

Marist Brothers Peshurst took out the A grade division while Marist Brothers Kogarah won the secondary schools pennant and trophy.

Several eye catching performances were noted throughout the carnival

among the 80 games of football played during the day.

The future Rugby League stars of the district will be nurtured in this nursery.

For this reason the District Club backs school football heavily and will continue to do so in the future.

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*Balmains Gary Webster's progress comes to a halt at the hands of Robert Stone.*

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