



1982 Prelim Semi Saturday 4th September Cricket Ground



Eastern Suburbs 11

def.

Western Suburbs 7

Ian SCHUBERT
Terry FAHEY
Ron GITEAU
Noel CLEAL
Kerry BOUSTEAD
Robert LAURIE
Kevin HASTINGS
John TOBIN
Les CLEAL
Ian BARKLEY
Royce AYLIFFE (c)
Jeff MASTERMAN
Dave BROWN
John HARVEY
Gary WARNECKE

Fullback
Wing
Centre
Centre
Wing
Five-eighth
Half
Lock
Second Row
Second Row
Front Row
Hooker
Front Row
Replacement
Replacement
Replacement
Replacement

Wayne SMITH
Steve BROUGHTON
Steve ANDERSON
Ross CONLON
Warren BOLAND (c)
Terry LAMB
Greg COX
Jim LEIS
George MOROKO
Michael DUKE
Terry LEABEATER
Jack JEFFRIES
Arthur MOUNTIER
Paul MERLO
Alan NEIL
Greg McELHONE
Bruce CLARK



Tries Terry FAHEY (2)

Terry LAMB

Goals Ron GITEAU (2)
Kevin HASTINGS (1) Field Goal

Greg COX (1)
Ross CONLON (1)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: I Schubert; three-quarters: T Fahey, R Giteau, N Cleal, K Boustead; five-eighth: R Laurie; half: K Hastings; forwards: J Tobin, L Cleal, I Barkley, R Ayliffe (c), J Masterman, D Brown

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: S Broughton, S Anderson, R Conlon, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: G Cox; forwards: J Leis, G Moroko, M Duke, T Leabeater, A Mountier, P Merlo **Referee: J Danzey (The Sun 6th September 1982)**

.... Down 6-nil at half-time and 11-nil four minutes after half-time, Wests got a new lease of life with an 8-3 scrum advantage in the second half. Easts' defence held strong but Wests' five-eighth Terry Lamb finally sneaked across for an important try in the 77th minute to give his team a faint hope. Yesterday's match, watched by a good crowd of 21,167, looked over early in the second half as giant winger Terry Fahey raced in for his second try to put Easts ahead 11-nil. But with a more than 2-1 advantage in the scrums and some noted attacking players as replacements, Wests rallied. Finally, new half Alan Neil pushed a grubber kick behind the Easts' defensive line and Lamb rushed through for a try under the posts. It was just reward for a Wests' side that held on gamely despite limitations in attack and handling errors at crucial times. The pressure of playing in a sudden-death final told on both sides but Easts, probably because they have been doing it for so long in the premiership rounds, handled the task better. Easts won simply because they capitalised on their chances to score and Wests did not. In attack, Easts looked like a scene from the television show Land of the Giants as the big men in the backline Noel Cleal and Terry Fahey thundered into action. Twice Cleal found himself in the clear and twice he slipped passes to Fahey who gave the defence no chance. The tries in the 38th and 44th minutes came from some concerted team attack with five-eighth Rocky Laurie slipping a great pass under pressure to replacement Gary Warnecke in the first move as half a dozen players kept the ball moving. The second try also came with a flourish and again half Kevin Hastings was involved in keeping the ball alive as Easts searched for holes in the defence. Hastings, Cleal, Tobin and Fahey had strong games for Easts. It wasn't an Easts' side full of the dash and sparkle displayed against Manly two weeks ago. But it was a professional approach to an important game with an emphasis on defence, although Fulton intends speaking to the players about an untidy final few minutes. "We had players trying to do things they can't do and it was unnecessary," Fulton said. "We should have tied the game up. But if anything is going to win you games it is defence and our defence was top class." Easts had some problems in running with Laurie suffering concussion and second-rower Ian Barkley being rushed to hospital where he was found to have several loosened teeth but was cleared of a broken jaw. For Wests, the season is over and club president John Brooks said coach Terry Fearnley had promised a decision on his plans for next season in a week. Fearnley was disappointed at the loss, pinpointing errors as his team's major problem but claiming the clock had robbed Wests of a storming win. "We just made too many mistakes," he said. "But another five minutes and I think we would have beaten them. They were gone. We knew it and they knew it." **(Sunday Telegraph 5th September 1982)**

Notes: Down 11-0, Wests staged a good fightback but it was too late. They had a couple of clear chances early with Leabeater and Lamb but like a lot of the match they were blown with dropped passes. In fact, Wests made a number of clear breaks that ended after continued errors. For Wests Merlo, Anderson, Conlon and Lamb were the best. It had been a good effort to make the semis under Fearnley but it was yet another disappointing Cricket Ground performance.