



# 1983 Round 10 Sunday 1st May Endeavour Field



**Cronulla-Sutherland 42**

**def.**

**Western Suburbs 16**

Ian FORREST  
 Terry MURPHY  
 David BURNES  
 Steve ANDERSON  
 Chris GARDNER  
 Greg MULLANE  
 Mark WAKEFIELD  
 Steve HARDY  
 Gavin MILLER (c)  
 Kurt SORENSEN  
 Dane SORENSEN  
 Rowland BECKETT  
 Paul MERLO

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

Warren BOLAND (c)  
 Steve BROUGHTON  
 Wayne SMITH  
 Mark BEAVEN  
 David GREENE  
 Michael NEIL  
 Terry LAMB  
 Greg COX  
 Michael DUKE  
 Brian BATTESE  
 Mark MASSONE  
 David HALL  
 Bill HILLIARD  
 Trevor COGGER  
 Matt CARTER  
 Brett DAVIDSON  
 John COGGER



**Tries** Rowland BECKETT (2)  
 Greg MULLANE (2)  
 Mark WAKEFIELD  
 Kurt SORENSEN  
 Chris GARDNER

David GREENE  
 Steve BROUGHTON  
 Trevor COGGER

**Goals** Dane SORENSEN (7)

Greg COX (2)

## Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Boland (c); three-quarters: S Broughton, W Smith, M Beaven, D Greene; five-eighth: M Neil; half: T Lamb; forwards: G Cox, M Duke, B Battese, M Massone, D Hall, W Hilliard

**Cronulla-Sutherland:** Full-back: I Forrest; three-quarters: T Murphy, D Burnes, S Anderson, C Gardner; five-eighth: G Mullane; half: M Wakefield; forwards: S Hardy, G Miller (c), K Sorensen, D Sorensen, R Beckett, P Merlo

**Referee: L Green (The Sun 2nd May 1983)**

Magpies' skipper Warren Boland labelled some Cronulla forwards "head hunters" after his team's 42-16 mauling by the Sharks at Endeavour Field yesterday. Boland said he wasn't surprised his club served notice it may cite certain Cronulla players for alleged high tackles. Amid the wreckage of the Magpies' comeback hopes, five-eighth Michael Neil finished with a suspected broken nose, swollen face and concussion, while half Terry Lamb suffered a badly cut face. Wests claim the injuries are the result of head high tackles and notified referee Lionel Green they intend to protest, subject to coach Len Stacker's viewing of the video replay. "For the sake of the game we can't allow kids like Michael to have that done to them," Stacker said. "I'll examine the video with a view to citing certain players if the evidence is there. We had a lot of head injuries today and I have my own theories on why." Boland wasted no time giving his theory, although he did not want to go into details. "There were a few head-hunters out there," he declared plainly. One player in the Wests' camp, who did not wish to be quoted, claimed he had been bashed around the head four times in the match. "Some blokes there just don't know how to tackle below the shoulders," the player claimed. Regardless of alleged fouls, Cronulla were the better team, leading 26-2 at half-time and finishing 26 points better despite an 8-0 second-half penalty count against them and a 10-4 match deficit in the scrums. It was a hunch from coach Terry Fearnley and a written examination which put some teeth back into the Sharks. The hunch was in the shape of 21-year-old half Mark Wakefield who sparked most of the Cronulla's attack, scoring one try himself. **(The Sun 2nd May 1983)**

.. Stacker said high tackles by Cronulla on five-eighth, Mick Neil and half-back, Terry Lamb in the second half may have been missed by officials. "I'll be taking a look at the video and will consider what action to take," Stacker said. "Neil has concussion and could miss next week's game, while Lamb had his nose badly split. Maybe something happened in back play that the referee missed. I owe it to my players to do something about it if that was the case." ..... The Magpies tries in the second half came through centre Steve Broughton, winger David Greene and replacement, Trevor Cogger. .... **(Sydney Morning Herald 2nd May 1983)**

**Notes:** The story of this match was the accusation of Cronulla "head-hunting" forwards who deliberately targeted the halves, Michael Neil and Terry Lamb. Neil finished the match with heavy concussion, after being replaced by Trevor Cogger. Down 26-2 at half-time, Wests scored two early second half tries but couldn't go on with it due to the close Cronulla tackling, always bordering on illegality.