1986 Round 10 Sunday 11th May Wollongong Showground

Illawarra 34   def.   Western Suburbs 8

Illawarra	Position	Western Suburbs
Steve LARDER	*Fullback*	Rod PETHYBRIDGE
Alan McINDOE	*Wing*	Allen GEELAN
Jeff HARDY	*Centre*	Wilfred WILLIAMS
Brian HETHERINGTON (c)	*Centre*	Greg DUVAL
Malcolm KELLY	*Wing*	Paul SHEAHAN
Trevor KISSELL	*Five-eighth*	Trevor COGGER
Greg MACKEY	*Half*	Brett CLARK
Mick PATTISON	*Lock*	Ian SCHUBERT
Michael CARBERRY	*Second Row*	Gary McFARLANE
Paul UPFIELD	*Second Row*	John BILBIJA
Steve WORTHINGTON	*Front Row*	Lee CROOKS
Michael BOLT	*Hooker*	Alan FALLAH
Peter SMITH	*Front Row*	Ian FREEMAN (c)
Peter SPRING	*Replacement*	Craig ELLIS
Keith COLE	*Replacement*	Geoff DILLON
Stan BROWNE	*Replacement*	Grant FYVIE
	Replacement	Deryck FOX

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Tries	Steve WORTHINGTON (2)	Greg DUVAL
	Alan McINDOE	
	Trevor KISSELL	
	Brian HETHERINGTON	
	Jeff HARDY	
Goals	Malcom KELLY (5)	Ian SCHUBERT (2)

Match Description
Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Pethybridge; three-quarters: A Geelan, W Williams, G Duval, P Sheahan; five-eighth: T Cogger; half: B Clark; forwards: I Schubert, G McFarlane, J Bilbija, L Crooks, A Fallah, I Freeman (c)
Illawarra: Full-back: S Larder; three-quarters: A McIndoe, J Hardy, B Hetherington(c), M Kelly; five-eighth: T Kissell; half: G Mackey; forwards: M Pattison, M Carberry, P Upfield, S Worthington, M Bolt, P Smith   **Referee: C Ward (The Daily Mirror 12th May 1986)**

A strongly-worded letter from two irate Steelers' fans was a major factor in Illawarra's 34-8 thrashing of Western Suburbs at Wollongong Showground yesterday. The signed letter, from a household at Bellambi, expressed disgust at the side's miserable showing against Cronulla in round nine, and said the only sporting body worthy of support on the south coast was the Illawarra Hawks basketball team. Steelers' coach Brian Smith received a copy of the letter form manager Bob Millward and it was read by every first-grader before the Wests match. Steelers' long-serving hooker Michael Bolt said he received a copy of the letter at training on Thursday night and he read it three times – the last reading less than half-an-hour before kick-off yesterday. "It certainly had me in the right frame of mind when I ran out there," Bolt said. "I respect the opinions of our supporters and I agree we were dreadful against Cronulla. I hope today's win erases the Cronulla game from memory." Illawarra's six tries to one triumph certainly had the Steelers back in the good books and only complimentary letters will lob at Millward's office this week. It was one of Illawarra's most comprehensive victories since they won first division status in 1982, and there is no doubting they would have beaten the majority of Winfield Cup sides on the day. … "They made us look second-rate," said Wests' coach Steve Ghosn. "In my opinion, that's the best any side has played against us all year and we've played Canterbury and Parramatta. They didn't do a thing wrong all afternoon. I don't think they are capable of reproducing that sort of form two weeks in a row." … First-half tries by Kissell, Steve Worthington (2) and Jeff Hardy gave Illwarra the winning impetus at 20-8 and there was much more of the same in the second session. City rep Brian Hetherington helped himself to a try out wide and winger Alan McIndoe capped another 80 minutes of crowd-pleasing with a determined touchdown 11 minutes from time. Steelers' coach Brian Smith showered his players with praise after the match, pointing out it takes a team of great character to fight back from a 20-point loss and score a 26-point win. "We're not going overboard," he cautioned. "… The heavy loss kept up Wests' dreadful run of away losses and Ghosn will be striving to come up with a solution to the problem at training this week. **(Daily Mirror 12th May 1986)**

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Notes: Wests continued their poor away form but also found a red-hot Illawarra side, who seemed fired up by their big loss against Cronulla the previous week. The Wests' pack was badly outplayed and the Illawarra backs reaped the rewards. Englishman Deryck Fox made his debut as a replacement in the second half.