



## 1982 Round 11 Sunday 8th May North Sydney Oval



### North Sydney 15

def.

### Western Suburbs 5

Max WILKIE  
 Andrew SIMONS  
 Nigel TAIT  
 John ADAM  
 Chris LUCKMAN  
 Mitchell COX  
 Paul McCAFFERY  
 Alan BURNS  
 Mark GRAHAM (c)  
 Peter CROSS  
 Don McKINNON  
 John GRAY  
 Steve MAYOH

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

Greg COX (c)  
 Steve BROUGHTON  
 Wayne SMITH  
 Ted GOODWIN  
 Jeff CASE  
 Michael DUKE  
 Terry LAMB  
 Jim LEIS  
 George FAHD  
 Bob COOPER  
 John DONNELLY  
 Arthur MOUNTIER  
 Paul MERLO  
 Gary COLLISON  
 Terry LEABEATER



**Tries** Don McKINNON  
 Paul McCAFFERY  
 Alan BURNS

Jeff CASE

**Goals** John GRAY (3)

Greg COX (1)

#### Match Description

**North Sydney:** Full-back: M Wilke; three-quarters: A Simons, N Tait, J Adam, C Luckman; five-eighth: M Cox; half: P McCaffery; forwards: A Burns, M Graham (c), P Cross, D McKinnon, J Gray, S Mayoh

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: G Cox (c); three-quarters: S Broughton, W Smith, E Goodwin, J Case; five-eighth: M Duke; half: T Lamb; forwards: J Leis, R Cooper, G Fahd, P Merlo, A Mountier, J Donnelly **Referee: J Danzey (The Sun 10th May 1982)**

Half-back Paul McCaffery was teacher's pet yesterday after combining with his old schoolmaster John Gray to scuttle Wests. McCaffery and Gray were among the stars of a defensively-primed Norths side that defeated Wests 15-5 at North Sydney Oval. For Gray and McCaffery it was the most successful reunion they've had since their old days at North Sydney Marist Brothers. ...Norths scored three tries and McCaffery and Gray were right in the thick of the action for two of them. Big prop Don McKinnon played the ball forward late in the game for Norths' third try to clinch the win – but Wests should have been shot birds long before. Norths out-maneuvred and out-played the Magpies totally on the day but failed where it really counts – scoring tries. The Bears would stretch and pierce Wests' defence on numerous occasions then somehow or other find a way not to score. For a time, it was nail-biting stuff for Norths' supporters, wondering if their team would find a way to add to their record of managing to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Norths slaughtered close to half a dozen likely tries in the most unlikely manner. ... In the end it was Norths' dramatically reinforced defence that made the difference. Norths might have been having trouble scoring tries through their own mistakes but they were determined to make sure Wests had just as much trouble. Coach Ron Willey has concentrated on his team's tackling of late, spending up to 40 per cent of training sessions, polishing up the defensive patterns. "It was our defence that won us the game," Willey said. ... Ironically, an old Wests' stratagem of winning home games at all costs – which took them into the 1978 semi-finals – backfired on the Magpies. At the start of this season Willey told Norths he wanted them to win every home game, and yesterday was the sixth game without loss. The Magpies were only a shadow of the team that soared so impressively last week to defeat Parramatta. The forwards in particular looked drained by the effort and there was a lack of enthusiasm and zip. "I was glad to hear the half-time siren sound so I would have a chance to fix the way we were playing," said Wests' coach Terry Fearnley. "But it was no better in the second half and I was glad to hear the full-time siren." To their credit Wests did score a try – winger Jeff Case (56 minutes) – from their only real scoring opportunity. From their numerous chances, Norths managed two tries in the first half – the first by McCaffery (4 minutes) and the second (29 minutes) by lock Allan Burns after Gray again sent McCaffery racing through. McCaffery, who also made several other breaks, including one of around 55 metres, has run into the front-line of contenders for the City teams to be chosen next week. Norths led 8-2 at half-time, moved to 10-2 after 50 minutes with a Gray goal but Case's try left the Bears in the danger zone until McKinnon scored. **(Sunday Telegraph 9th May 1982)**

**Notes:** *Playing on a cement-like North Sydney Oval, Wests were totally outplayed by a bustling North Sydney defence. Jeff Case (replacing injured Warren Boland) was able to score in one of the very few scoring opportunities. Arthur Mountier was back and narrowly won the scrums but the forwards seemed to be drained from the outstanding defensive effort the previous week against Parramatta. Steve Broughton was a bright spot for Wests, continuing his excellent form.*