



1982 Round 12 Sunday 16th May Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 16

def.

Canterbury 7

Greg COX (c)
 Steve BROUGHTON
 Wayne SMITH
 Ted GOODWIN
 Jeff CASE
 Michael DUKE
 Terry LAMB
 Jim LEIS
 George FAHD
 Bob COOPER
 Paul MERLO
 Arthur MOUNTIER
 John DONNELLY
 Alan NEIL
 Trevor COGGER
 Ross CONLON
 Terry LEABEATER

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

Greg BRETNALL
 Steve WANT
 Chris MORTIMER
 Peter MORTIMER
 Tony ARMSTRONG
 Garry HUGHES (c)
 Chris HUGHES
 Mark HUGHES
 Steve FOLKES
 Steve MULLEN
 Tas BAITIERI
 Pat ENGLISH
 John COVENEY
 John KASBARIAN
 Tony DAVIES

Tries Trevor COGGER (2)
 Alan NEIL
 Jim LEIS

Steve WANT

Goals Greg COX (2)

Tony ARMSTRONG (2)

Match Description

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, G Fahd, R Cooper, P Merlo, A Mountier, J Donnelly

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: G Brentnall; three-quarters: T Armstrong, C Mortimer, P Mortimer, S Want; five-eighth: G Hughes (c); half: C Hughes; forwards: M Hughes, S Folkes, S Mullen, J Coveney, P English, T Baitieri **Referee: K Roberts (The Sun 17th May 1982)**

A dramatic "quick change" by reserve grade youngster Trevor Cogger set the scene for an amazing Western Suburbs revival to beat Canterbury 16-7 at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Cogger, relaxing after his lower grade stint, was merrily munching away on a meat pie on the hill when he was summoned urgently back to the Wests' dressing room. The call came after half-time substitute Alan Neil suffered a suspected leg fracture whilst scoring Wests' first try only minutes into the second half. A meat pie is hardly recommended for football champions but Cogger's gutsy two-try display pushed him into that category. Neil battled on gamely for 10 minutes until Cogger had changed and was quickly rushed to hospital for x-rays. The red-headed youngster's introduction for the second half enabled Terry Lamb to switch to five-eighth and Michael Duke into the pack, a move that soon had Wests' backline firing. Both sides turned in a poor, niggling first half with defences well on top and few constructive passages of play. Wests' two substitutes after the break certainly improved the game and paved the way for four good tries. Unfortunately, full-back Greg Cox, had an off-day with the boot, being successful only twice from seven attempts. Jim Leis bounced back to his best with a great display of attack and defence, creating three of Wests' four tries. Canterbury's five-eighth Garry Hughes was completely snuffed out by the lock's defensive effort and the Bulldogs suffered accordingly. Prop Paul Merlo and hooker Arthur Mountier got through plenty of work, especially in the second half when Wests received just one penalty as against Canterbury's 10. Without Steve Mortimer, Canterbury lacked spark and looked sluggish, with even Greg Brentnall unable to lift them. Coach Ted Glossop looked a worried man, especially with the knowledge lock forward Mark Hughes could miss several games with a hamstring injury. Hughes' absence after the break left Wests' scrum trio of Leis, Lamb and Cogger in a commanding position as they ran riot around the scrum base. "We could have Peponis and Robinson back next week and even after today's disappointing showing we are still hanging in the top five," Glossop said. Geoff Robinson will undergo abdominal tests this week in the hope of tracking down his mystery illness, while Peponis is still rated a risky 50-50 chance. **(The Sun 17th May 1982)**

Notes: This match was heavily decided by the replacements. Even though Jim Leis and Paul Merlo were the best players on the field it was the drama off-field that was the real story. After an injury Michael Duke went to lock, Terry Lamb to five-eighth and Alan Neil came on after a brilliant game in Reserve Grade. He made an immediate impact, scoring a great individual try, but injured his ankle and so a call went out to the crowd for Trevor Cogger to go to the dressing room. He was about to tuck into a pie after also playing well in Reserve Grade. Dressing in football gear in record time he dashed on the field and turned the match with two brilliant tries after combining with Jim Leis. Ross Conlon also came on to replace Ted Goodwin, after Cox missed his first five shots at goal.