



# 1989 Round 13 Sunday 25th June Seiffert Oval



## Western Suburbs 25

def.

## Canberra 22

Brett DOCHERTY  
 Wayne SIMONDS  
 Jason LIDDEN  
 Garry SCHOFIELD  
 Graham MACKAY  
 Ellery HANLEY (c)  
 Richard SMITH  
 Brendon TUUTA  
 Cameron BLAIR  
 Dave GALLAGHER  
 Pat O'DOHERTY  
 Shane FLANAGAN  
 Dave WOODS  
 Gary BUKOWSKI  
 Doug RAWLINGS  
 Trevor COGGER  
 Jason STAFFORD

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

Gary BELCHER  
 Mark BELL  
 Ivan HENJAK  
 Mal MENINGA (c)  
 John FERGUSON  
 Chris O'SULLIVAN  
 Ricky STUART  
 Craig BELLAMY  
 Craig DIMOND  
 Gary COYNE  
 Brent TODD  
 Steve WALTERS  
 Glenn LAZARUS  
 Ashley GILBERT  
 Kevin WALTERS  
 Dean LANCE  
 Wayne COLLINS

### Tries

Wayne SIMONDS  
 Garry SCHOFIELD  
 Graham MACKAY  
 Jason LIDDEN

Steve WALTERS  
 Mal MENINGA  
 Gary BELCHER

### Goals

Brett DOCHERTY (3)  
 Graham MACKAY (1)  
 Garry SCHOFIELD (1) Field Goal

Mal MENINGA (5)

### Match Description

**Canberra:** Full-back: G Belcher; three-quarters: M Bell, I Henjak, M Meninga (c), J Ferguson; five-eighth: C O'Sullivan; half: R Stuart; forwards: C Bellamy, C Dimond, G Coyne, B Todd, S Walters, G Lazarus

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: B Docherty; three-quarters: G Mackay, J Lidden, G Schofield, W Simonds; five-eighth: E Hanley (c); half: R Smith; forwards: B Tuuta, C Blair, D Gallagher, P O'Doherty, S Flanagan, D Woods **Referee: G Annesley (Rugby League Week 28th June 1989)**

... After going into the game as rank outsiders, Wests easily produced their best performance for five years to score four tries in a win which really took the wind out of Canberra's semi-final charge. The Magpies' dressing room echoed to the club's victory song as if it were Grand Final day as the team, built around superstar Englishman Ellery Hanley, savoured a breath-taking victory over a premiership heavyweight. No player was in the mood more than 20-year-old Mackay, who was not only the match-winner for Wests but became a father only nine hours before kick-off. As Mackay lay in bed on a frosty Canberra morning, his wife Jennifer gave birth to their second daughter 250km away in Campbelltown. .... "This has easily been the best 12 hours of my life," Mackay said afterwards. "The baby wasn't due for five days and I thought I was safe going away to Canberra. As it is, everything has turned out great. My wife and baby are doing fine, and Wests have rolled the Raiders." ... Mackay's uncle, former Wests' lock Mark Harrigan, talked the youngster into playing for the club. "I'm glad he did," Mackay said. "Today's win has certainly made it all worthwhile." ... Wests' forwards, led magnificently by props Dave Woods and Pat O'Doherty, and the club's English stars, Hanley and Schofield, tamed Canberra's awesome attack. Hanley, who was selected at lock but played at five-eighth, had a superb game, dictating his team's attack and also making some telling tackles. But his Pommie partner, Schofield, even stole his honours in a display tagged "the best he's produced" by coach John Bailey. Schofield scored a crucial try, had a hand in another and also kicked a field goal late in the game to wrap up the win. After being battered 20-4 by Cronulla last weekend, Wests needed to produce an improved showing against Canberra – and exceeded all expectations. The opening 40 minutes probably belonged to Canberra, but not for want of trying by the Wests' forwards, notably Woods, O'Doherty and second-rower Cameron Blair. Their great work took some of the sting out of Canberra's pack, allowing Wests' backs a bit more room – and that's what counted. **(Daily Telegraph 26th June 1989)**

**Notes:** Five changes to the team – Docherty, Richard Smith, O'Doherty, Flanagan and Gallagher – set the foundation for the season's biggest upset. Richard Smith, in particular, provided a vital spark around the scrum base. In a great comeback from 18-6 down, Ellery Hanley and Garry Schofield showed their great value, while Tuuta, O'Doherty and Cameron Blair provided the up-front grunt. Graham Mackay, after becoming a father just before the game with the birth of a girl, landed a great sealing 50m penalty goal after making a great tackle on fullback, Gary Belcher.