



# 1982 Round 14 Sunday 30th May Lidcombe Oval



## North Sydney 19

def.

## Western Suburbs 10

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  
 Keith HARRIS  
 John LONG

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

Greg COX  
 Steve BROUGHTON  
 Wayne SMITH  
 Ted GOODWIN  
 Warren BOLAND (c)  
 Terry LAMB  
 Alan NEIL  
 Michael DUKE  
 George FAHD  
 Paul MERLO  
 John DONNELLY  
 Arthur MOUNTIER  
 Terry LEABEATER  
 Bob COOPER



**Tries** Don McKINNON  
 John GRAY  
 Steve MAYOH  
 Mark GRAHAM

Terry LAMB  
 Michael DUKE

**Goals** John GRAY (4) One Field Goal

Greg COX (2)

### Match Description

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

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: G Cox; three-quarters: S Broughton, W Smith, E Goodwin, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: A Neil; forwards: M Duke, G Fahd, P Merlo, T Leabeater, A Mountier, J Donnelly **Referee: B Goldsworthy (The Sun 31st May 1982)**

John Gray declared the current North Sydney team the best he has been associated with after the Bears downed Western Suburbs 19-10 at Lidcombe yesterday. Gray played an inspiring role in Norths' victory which lifted them into equal fifth position and proved that the Bears can win matches away from North Sydney Oval. "This side has a lot more pace than previous Norths teams that I have played with," said Gray, who joined the club in 1975. "Speed is everything, and this is the quickest Norths' team in the last 10 years." Although Norths may have speed to burn, they hardly had to get out of a canter to beat a Western Suburbs outfit that was nothing short of atrocious. The Magpies stumbled and fumbled their way through the entire 80 minutes, and it was just as well there were only 4878 people on hand to see them go around. The final score flattered the Magpies, and it was only late in the match that they scored their 10 points. Norths took control of the game from the opening whistle with their heavyweight forward pack leading the way. The Bears posted a try in the 25th minute when Paul McCaffery sent giant prop Don McKinnon on a 20-metre charge to the line. McKinnon was in the thick of the action again three minutes later when he threw a long pass which resulted in Mark Graham streaking over for his team's second try. Norths tightened their grip shortly after half-time when Gray scored off a bomb by centre John Adam. Prop Steve Mayoh delivered the coup de grace in the 60th minute when he crashed over for the easiest of tries to make it 18-0. Wests notched two late tries through five-eighth Terry Lamb and lock Michael Duke to ease the pain slightly for their suffering supporters. While Gray, McKinnon and Graham were the pick of a tradesmanlike forward pack, five-eighth Mitchell Cox was the star of Norths' backline. Cox continues to improve each week and outgunned his opposite number, Lamb. Yesterday's win marked the first time a Norths side coached by Ron Willey had beaten Wests at Lidcombe. "I was particularly pleased with the way our forwards played today: Willey said. **(Daily Telegraph 31st May 1982)**

..... Wests' coach, Terry Fearnley, was disappointed after the match When asked for a comment, he shrugged his shoulders dejectedly. "You saw the game; you write the story." He snapped. "All I want to say is that we played very badly." Everything went wrong for the Magpies, starting when their captain, Warren Boland, spilled the ball over the sideline from the first kick-off..... Wests saved themselves from total embarrassment with late tries to Terry Lamb (66th minute) and Michael Duke (72nd). ..... **(Sydney Morning Herald 31st May 1982)**

**Notes:** In a performance where Wests looked flat and disorganised, they fumbled their way to 18-0 down after 70 minutes before scoring two late tries. The tactic to take on the powerful Norths' pack backfired and Wests only looked good when they spun the ball wide. John Donnelly was forced off at half-time with a broken thumb, replaced by Bob Cooper. Alan Neil, back at half, had a good game, setting up both the late tries.