



1986 Round 15 Saturday 14th June Lidcombe Oval



North Sydney 18

John MCARTHUR
 Terry BUTLER
 Brett FRENCH
 Greg FLORIMO
 Les KISS
 Olsen FILPAINA
 Clayton FRIEND
 Mark CANNON
 Mark GRAHAM (c)
 Gavin JONES
 Martin BELLA
 Ashley LINDSAY
 Don MCKINNON
 Steve GAFFNEY
 Fred TEASDELL
 Peter CROSS

def.

Western Suburbs 16

Rod PETHYBRIDGE
 Brett CLARK
 John HENDERSON
 Trevor COGGER
 Paul SHEAHAN
 Wilfred WILLIAMS
 Deryck FOX
 Allan BURNS
 Ian SCHUBERT
 Lee CROOKS (c)
 Ian FREEMAN
 Alan FALLAH
 Craig ELLIS
 Mark HARRIGAN
 Des DRUMMOND



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

Tries Greg FLORIMO
 Mark CANNON

Rod PETHYBRIDGE (2)
 Trevor COGGER

Goals Les KISS (4)
 Olsen FILPAINA (1)

Ian SCHUBERT (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Pethybridge; three-quarters: B Clark, J Henderson, T Cogger, P Sheahan; five-eighth: W Williams; half: D Fox; forwards: A Burns, I Schubert, L Crooks (c), I Freeman, A Fallah, C Ellis

North Sydney: Full-back: J McArthur; three-quarters: T Butler, B French, G Florimo, L Kiss; five-eighth: O Filipaina; half: C Friend; forwards: M Cannon, M Graham (c), G Jones, M Bella, A Lindsay, D McKinnon **Referee: M Stone (The Daily Mirror 16th June 1986)**

North Sydney expects the NSWRL judiciary committee to have one of the shortest meetings on record tonight when half-back Clayton Friend appears on a high tackle charge. Friend was sent from the field in a highly debatable circumstance on Saturday after a tackle that looked to catch Wests' Brett Clark across the shoulder. Television replays suggest Friend will have little trouble proving his innocence tonight when Richard Conti takes over as judiciary chairman for the first time. Already Wests secretary, Rick Wayde, has volunteered to appear on Friend's behalf if needed. Like many others, Wayde thought the penalty too harsh. Friend was sent off right on half-time at Lidcombe Oval and Norths hung on courageously to outstay Wests 18-16. Neither side would have been happy with its overall performance and there were mistakes galore – some tallies of errors reaching past the 100 mark. If nothing else it gained two more competition points for Norths and the Bears are now on the fringe of the top five behind fifth-placed Canterbury 19 points and Balmain 18 points. Norths' coach Brian Norton said he was happy with the overall result, adding that it was nice to know his players had the courage to fight back from something as severe as playing the second half with only 12 men. It was also the decision to switch lock Mark Cannon to half that swung the match Norths' way. Ahead 8-6 at half-time, Norths rushed to 14-6 just 10 minutes into the second half when Cannon ran to the open side from a scrum and pulled through two tackles to score a simple try. Mistakes like that made it a terrible afternoon for Wests. Only two points behind at half-time and opposed by 12 men Wests should have won – an obvious fact that wasn't lost on coach Steve Ghosn. "We handed the match to them on a platter," he said. Wests had three English Test players on the field at one stage – Des Drummond, Lee Crooks and Deryck Fox – plus highly rated English centre John Henderson and should have been much more effective. Drummond at least showed some promise of forcing his way into the first grade after coming on as a replacement. **(Daily Telegraph 16th June 1986)**

... Wests made 24 handling errors, compared to Norths' 13 and that was the story of the match. In the Wests' team, Ian Schubert did well. He was one of the few players to emerge without his reputation tarnished. **(Sun-Herald 15th June 1986)**

Notes: Wests put in a very poor second half performance, playing against 12 men after Clayton Friend was sent off controversially. There were 108 errors overall in the match, a good indication of a very scrappy game. Wests dropped the ball a number of times when in scoring positions. Ian Schubert had one of his better games in a beaten team.