



# 1983 Round 15 Sunday 5th June Lidcombe Oval



## Eastern Suburbs 27

def.

## Western Suburbs 18

Marty GURR (c)  
 Ricky WALFORD  
 Russel GARTNER  
 Peter GROUNDS  
 David MICHAEL  
 Mike EDEN  
 Alan NEIL  
 Ian BARKLEY  
 John MACKAY  
 Seamus O'CONNELL  
 Tom ARBER  
 Craig FARRUGIA  
 Royce AYLIFFE  
 Mick RYAN  
 Terry REGAN

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

Warren BOLAND (c)  
 Steve BROUGHTON  
 Jeff CASE  
 Wayne SMITH  
 David GREENE  
 Terry LAMB  
 Brett DAVIDSON  
 Michael DUKE  
 Ian FREEMAN  
 Brian BATTESE  
 Bruce CLARK  
 Arthur MOUNTIER  
 John DONNELLY  
 Mick PINKERTON  
 David HARRIS  
 John COGGER



**Tries** Mike EDEN (2)  
 David MICHAEL  
 Craig FARRUGIA

Terry LAMB  
 Warren BOLAND  
 Steve BROUGHTON

**Goals** Mike EDEN (5)  
 Alan NEIL (1) Field Goal

David GREENE (3)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Boland (c); three-quarters: S Broughton, J Case, W Smith, D Greene; five-eighth: T Lamb; half: B Davidson; forwards: M Duke, I Freeman, B Battese, J Donnelly, A Mountier, B Clark

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: M Gurr (c); three-quarters: R Walford, P Grounds, R Gartner, D Michael; five-eighth: M Eden; half: A Neil; forwards: I Barkley, J Mackay, S O'Connell, R Ayliffe, C Farrugia, T Arber **Referee: K Roberts (The Sun 6th June 1983)**

Eastern Suburbs coach Laurie Freier used a winger to help stop a rampaging Western Suburbs forward pack at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Freier, unhappy with lock Ian Barkley's early play, moved him to the wing and brought solid flanker David Michael into the pack. Michael more than matched it with the enthusiastic Magpie six in a match dominated by the forwards. But the former Country Firsts winger will not be a regular in the forwards. "He's much too valuable a winger to be moved anywhere else normally," Freier said. "I'm just happy to get the two points out here." The Roosters finished ahead 27-18 after the scores were 14-all at half-time. Magpie coach Len Stacker blamed lack of concentration by his younger players for the loss. "We did everything right enough to win the game – but that little bit of inexperience let them in for several easy tries," Stacker said. Stacker could not control his delight at the effort of veteran hooker Arthur Mountier who brought off 48 tackles and won the scrums 8-4, including three against the feed. Easts rode to victory on the efforts of second-rower John Mackay, by far the best player on the field; hooker Craig Farrugia, making his first-grade debut, and five-eighth Mike Eden, who scored 16 points. Mackay, later voted man-of-the-match by his team-mates, was devastating. The Magpies, running with the breeze, jumped to an early 4-0 lead after penalties by winger David Greene. Easts bounced back to lead 12-4 with tries to Michael and Eden, and their poor form of recent weeks looked to be behind them. But they relaxed slightly and Wests' captain Warren Boland passed cleverly to Greene who sent five-eighth Terry Lamb in for a try in the 22nd minute. Ten minutes later, the same three players combined with Boland finishing the movement to get his team back level at the break. Early in the second half, Farrugia celebrated his top-grade debut with a clever solo try under the posts. Twenty minutes of fierce forward play followed before ex-Magpie Alan Neil potted a field goal to take Easts to a safe seven points clear. The Roosters wrapped the game up in the 70th minute when Eden scored his second try, a simple piece of work, and converted for a 27-14 lead. Wests gave the score the respectability it deserved with a try by speedster Steve Broughton with five minutes to go. **(Daily Telegraph 6th June 1983)**

..... For financially strife-bound Wests yesterday's loss wasn't as gloomy as the attendance figure of 3,453. "I'd have to give my blokes an 'A' for effort," coach Len Stacker said. "So long as they keep playing with that much enthusiasm, they keep me trying." **(The Sun 6th June 1983)**

**Notes:** Wests were very enthusiastic but lacked flair. The forwards were a powerful six, with John Donnelly topping the tackle count. Wests stayed in this match for a long time, Mike Eden's second try sealing the match in the last ten minutes. An inability to score tries after making breaks was really hurting Wests.