



# 1989 Round 15 Friday 7th July Belmore Sports Ground



## Canterbury 26

def.

## Western Suburbs 6

Jason ALCHIN  
 Robin THORNE  
 Andrew FARRAR  
 Darren McCARTHY  
 Glenn NISSEN  
 Terry LAMB  
 Mark WATSON  
 Paul LANGMACK (c)  
 Steve FOLKES  
 David GILLESPIE  
 Paul DUNN  
 Joe THOMAS  
 Peter TUNKS  
 Glen HAGGATH  
 Greg MACKAY  
 David McCANN  
 Darren CURRIE

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

Brett DOCHERTY  
 Wayne SIMONDS  
 Jason LIDDEN  
 Garry SCHOFIELD  
 Graham MACKAY  
 Ellery HANLEY (c)  
 Richard SMITH  
 Cameron BLAIR  
 Gary BUKOWSKI  
 Dave GALLAGHER  
 Dave WOODS  
 Shane FLANAGAN  
 Pat O'DOHERTY  
 Danny PEACOCK  
 Jason STAFFORD  
 Craig TEITZEL



**Tries** Mark WATSON  
 Glen NISSEN  
 Darren McCARTHY  
 Andrew FARRAR

Graham MACKAY

**Goals** Terry LAMB (5)

Brett DOCHERTY (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: B Docherty; three-quarters: W Simonds, J Lidden, G Schofield, G Mackay; five-eighth: E Hanley (c); half: R Smith; forwards: C Blair, D Gallagher, G Bukowski, P O'Doherty, S Flannagan, D Woods

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: J Alchin; three-quarters: R Thorne, A Farrar, D McCarthy, G Nissen; five-eighth: T Lamb; half: M Watson; forwards: P Langmack (c), S Folkles, D Gillespie, P Dunn, J Thomas, P Tunks **Referee: G Annesley (Rugby League Week 12th July 1989)**

Canterbury have still not given up hope of retaining their Winfield premiership despite an indifferent start to the season this year. The Bulldogs of 1989 might not be the Bulldogs of 1988, but a 26-6 win against Western Suburbs at Belmore last night put Canterbury back in the chase for a place in the finals. The Bulldogs followed up a 22-8 walloping of Brisbane last weekend with another confidence-boosting performance that featured some fluid movements against a listless Wests. At half-time, Canterbury were ahead 12-2, only a miserly lead given the number of opportunities they could not convert to tries because of unfortunate passes. The Bulldogs were in after only five minutes. When they won a scrum 10 metres out from the Wests' line, lock Paul Langmack surprisingly picked up the ball and fired it to tyro half-back Mark Watson, who was standing wide of the scrum on the blind side. Wests were totally unprepared for what was basically an elementary switch, and Watson strolled through an embarrassingly large hole to score. Wests kicked a goal after Canterbury were penalised for off-side defence, but it was only Canterbury's poor finishing that enabled the Magpies to hang in for a while. A judicious pass by Langmack, after the Bulldogs sent the ball along the backline on the half-way line, put winger Robin Thorne into the clear. He zipped some 40 metres down the sideline. As the other Bulldogs' winger, Glen Nissen, loomed unmarked on his outside, it seemed a try was inevitable. But just as Thorne passed to Nissen, Wests' winger Graham Mackay sneaked between them to intercept the ball. Incredibly, the same thing happened again a few minutes later. Thorne again broke away from the same spot, and Wests' Ellery Hanley again intercepted just as Nissen seemed destined to score. Canterbury gained ground every time they threw the ball wide, with five-eighth Terry Lamb looking unusually sharp and doing a lot of damage. **(Sydney Morning Herald 8th July 1989)**

**Notes:** Wests came back to Earth with a game where they were completely outplayed. Even Ellery Hanley took a hiding from Terry Lamb in a match where Wests never got going. Their only try by Graham Mackay was from an intercept, but at least in the forwards Dave Gallagher and Cameron Blair held their own.