



# 1982 Round 18 Sunday 27th June Wollongong Showground



## Western Suburbs 23

def.

## Illawarra 5

Wayne SMITH  
Steve BROUGHTON  
Ross CONLON  
Steve ANDERSON  
Warren BOLAND (c)  
Terry LAMB  
Greg COX  
Jim LEIS  
Paul MERLO  
Bob COOPER  
Terry LEABEATER  
Arthur MOUNTIER  
Tom ARBER  
Gary COLLISON

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

John SPARKS  
Lee POMFRET  
John DORAHY (c)  
Brian HETHERINGTON  
Shane MCKELLAR  
Terry WESTBLADE  
Mal CREEVEY  
Martyn CAVILL  
Scott GREENLAND  
Wayne SPRINGALL  
Greg COOK  
Barry JENSEN  
Graham FAUX  
Peter KIRKLAND  
Peter RYAN  
Paul HARROD

### Tries

Terry LAMB  
Ross CONLON  
Wayne SMITH  
Steve BROUGHTON  
Tom ARBER

John SPARKS

### Goals

Greg COX (4)

John DORAHY (1)

### Match Description

**Illawarra:** Full-back: J Sparks; three-quarters: S McKellar, J Dorahy (c), B Hetherington, L Pomfret; five-eighth: T Westblade; half: M Creevey; forwards: N Cavill, s Greenland, W Springall, G Faux, B Jensen, G Cook

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: S Broughton, S Anderson, R Conlon, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: G Cox; forwards: J Leis, R Cooper, P Merlo, T Leabeater, A Mountier, T Arber **Referee: C Ward (The Sun 28th June 1982)**

Two Illawarra players were taken to hospital with fractured cheekbones after a wild brawl in the opening minute of Western Suburbs' 23-5 Rugby League win against the Steelers at Wollongong Showground yesterday. Steelers' prop Greg Cook – who with Western Suburbs' second-rower was sent off after the incident – and winger Lee Pomfret received cheekbone fractures and were taken to hospital by ambulance for x-rays and treatment. Pomfret was to spend the night in hospital and could be out of action for the rest of the season. The game erupted after only 45 seconds and all but two players became involved in the ugly melee lasting around 45 seconds. Referee Chris Ward had reports from both touch judges before dismissing Cook and Cooper. Cook was on the ground receiving treatment from Steeler trainer Ken Boothroyd when Ward instructed him to leave the field. Pomfret was treated on the eastern touchline before being carried to the dressing room, blood streaming from his battered face. Steelers' manager Bob Millward said officials would view a match video before deciding if any action would be taken. Wests' coach Terry Fearnley said there were no instructions for his players to "take on" Illawarra. "I don't coach football teams that way," Fearnley said. "I was just as surprised as anyone when the fight broke out." For Cooper, it was yet another brief appearance against the Steelers. He was sent off in the opening minute of the club's first round reserve grade match at Lidcombe Oval. Cooper was exonerated on a charge of kneeling Steeler forward Russell Holdsworth. Holdsworth spent almost two months on the sideline with a back injury. John Dorahy's 11th minute penalty goal was Illawarra's only points. **(Sydney Morning Herald 23rd June 1982)**

.... Wests led 12-2 at half-time after tries to winger Steve Broughton and centre Ross Conlon, and three goals to half-back Greg Cox. John Dorahy's 11th minute penalty goal was Illawarra's only points. Five minutes after the break. Illawarra prop Peter Ryan, who replaced Graham Faux, and Wests' prop Tom Arber were sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes. Wests cruised to victory in the second-half, with a try by Arber in the 42nd minute killing any Illawarra plans. Wests' five-eighth Terry Lamb and full-back Wayne Smith scored in the closing minutes after Steelers' full-back John Sparks scored the home side's only try in the 68th minute. **(Daily Telegraph 23rd June 1982)**

**Notes:** The rumours about a 'square-up' on Bob Cooper proved to be correct and there was a wild brawl after 45 seconds, resulting in fractured cheekbones to Lee Pomfret and Greg Cook and Bob Cooper and Greg Cook being sent off. Only ten minutes later Peter Ryan and Tom Arber were in the sin-bin. When the match settled, Terry Lamb took control with Greg Cox and they completely outplayed the Steelers. Arthur Mountier needed stitches for the fourth match in a row and Terry Fearnley said he would have to drop him to get some much-needed rest.