



1982 Round 19 Saturday 3rd July Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 32

def.

Cronulla-Sutherland 10

Wayne SMITH
 Steve BROUGHTON
 Ross CONLON
 Steve ANDERSON
 Warren BOLAND (c)
 Terry LAMB
 Greg COX
 Jim LEIS
 Paul MERLO
 Michael DUKE
 Terry LEABEATER
 Gary COLLISON
 Bruce CLARK
 Charlie KHALIFEH

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

Mick MULLANE
 Phil HURST
 Ian FORREST
 Chris GARDNER
 Jim SEE
 Gary WRIGHT
 Perry HADDOCK
 Kurt SORENSEN
 Gavin MILLER
 David HATCH
 Dane SORENSEN (c)
 Rowland BECKETT
 Peter McNAMARA
 Rex WILLIAMS
 Steve HARDY



Tries
 Wayne SMITH (2)
 Steve ANDERSON (2)
 Ross CONLON
 Steve BROUGHTON

Gavin MILLER
 Perry HADDOCK

Goals
 Greg COX (7)

Dane SORENSEN (2)

Match Description

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, P Merlo, M Duke, T Leabeater, G Collison, B Clark

Cronulla-Sutherland: Full-back: M Mullane; three-quarters: P Hurst, I Forrest, C Gardner, J See; five-eighth: G Wright; half: P Haddock; forwards: K Sorensen, G Miller, D Hatch, D Sorensen (c), R Beckett, P McNamara **Referee: J Danzey (The Sun 5th July 1982)**

Talented Western Suburbs five-eighth Terry Lamb gave the Australian Rugby League selectors a strong reminder that he is still around when he inspired his team to a crushing win over Cronulla at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Lamb produced his best form of the season as Wests overpowered Cronulla 32-10 in a one-sided match. It was an outstanding performance by Lamb – and his team-mates – and one which deserved to be witnessed by a much bigger crowd than the paltry 3,387 that turned up. The Magpies ran in six tries to two and were never in danger of losing against a Cronulla team which performed pitifully. The Sharks simply had no answer to Lamb's special brand of magic. He looked dangerous every time he touched the ball and had a hand in four of his team's tries. Wests' coach Terry Fearnley's succinct comment after the match fairly summed up Lamb's display. "He killed them," Fearnley said. On yesterday's effort the chunky five-eighth must rate as a tremendous prospect to make the Kangaroo team to tour Great Britain and France later this year. There was hardly a bad player in the Wests' team with full-back Wayne Smith, centres Steve Anderson and Ross Conlon, half Greg Cox, lock Jim Leis and second-rowers Paul Merlo and Michael Duke all doing admirable jobs. It was a fine team effort by Wests and one which proved that they are still a major force in the premiership. The win elevated them into the top five, although wins by Norths and Easts today will see them just one point out of the five. Fearnley was extremely pleased with the victory, but said that there was still a lot more work to be done. ... The absence of champion Steve Rogers did not help Cronulla yesterday, although Pierce emphasized that the team was not a "one-man band."But nothing could be taken away from Wests and it was certainly their day. From the opening whistle they looked the sharper and keener side and it was no surprise they ran to a 10-0 lead after 18 minutes. They sensibly used a strong wind in the first half for most of the opening 40 minutes. Cronulla produced their best football in the last 20 minutes of the first half and somehow managed to go off at the break trailing only 10-5. But Cronulla's luck ran out in the first 22 minutes of the second half. The Magpies turned on a scoring blitz and had piled on 22 points in as many minutes before Cronulla knew what hit them. Converted tries to Anderson and Conlon and a penalty goal to Cox gave Wests an unbeatable 22-5 lead after only nine minutes of the second half. Tries to Smith and Steve Broughton in the next eight minutes finished off Wests' scoring for the match. Complacency set in after that and Wests ...**The Sun-Herald 4th July 1982**

Notes: A Wests' team, smarting from an unprecedented 15-week suspension of Bob Cooper from the previous game against Illawarra, completely outclassed and outplayed Cronulla to run away in the second half. They were, however, in complete control before half-time as Terry Lamb ran riot, closely followed by Leis, Conlon and Anderson. Bruce Clark, coming in for the injured Arber, was a powerhouse up front, finishing with 43 tackles. Michael Duke, in for Cooper, also played well.