



# 1983 Round 19 Sunday 3rd July Seiffert Oval



## Canberra 24

def.

## Western Suburbs 16

Steve O'CALLAGHAN  
 Angel MARINA  
 Ron GITEAU (c)  
 Terry FAHEY  
 Ian HAMILTON  
 Craig BELLAMY  
 Chris O'SULLIVAN  
 Ashley GILBERT  
 Paul ELLIOTT  
 Grant ELLIS  
 David GRANT  
 Jay HOFFMAN  
 John McLEOD  
 Chris KINNA  
 Scott DUDMAN  
 Mark BRENNAN  
 Wayne JENSEN

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

Warren BOLAND (c)  
 Steve BROUGHTON  
 Mark BEAVEN  
 David HARRIS  
 David GREENE  
 Terry LAMB  
 Scott GALE  
 Michael DUKE  
 Ian FREEMAN  
 Brian BATTESE  
 John DONNELLY  
 Arthur MOUNTIER  
 Bruce CLARK  
 Brett GALE



**Tries** Terry FAHEY (2)  
 Chris O'SULLIVAN  
 Craig BELLAMY

David GREENE (2)  
 David HARRIS  
 Michael DUKE

**Goals** Ron GITEAU (3)  
 Angel MARINA (1)

### Match Description

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

**Canberra:** Full-back: S O'Callaghan; three-quarters: A Marina, R Giteau (c); five-eighth: C Bellamy; half: C O'Sullivan; forwards: A Gilbert, P Elliott, G Ellis, D Grant, J Hoffman, J McLeod **Referee: M Weekes (The Sun 4th July 1983)**

Western Suburbs tasted defeat and success when they went down 24-16 to Canberra in their "home away from home" Rugby League clash at Queanbeyan. The Magpies lost the game, but the blow was softened by their takings from the "bumper" gate. The match, scheduled for Wests' home ground, Lidcombe Oval, was played at Seiffert Oval after a special request by the financially ailing Magpies to swap the venue. In return for losing the home ground advantage, Wests were allowed to keep the gate receipts from the crowd of more than 7,000. Canberra has one of League's biggest followings, but Wests have struggled to draw crowds this season. "The crowd was a good result for us," Wests' assistant secretary, John Cochrane said. "Normally we could only expect 2,000 or 3,000 people at our home game. We did our homework before asking to have the game switched to Seiffert Oval. Canberra's form is improving, but their players are not well enough known to draw a crowd to Lidcombe Oval. "The game was great for our finances. ..." Canberra coach Don Furner hailed the big effort by his team in coming from 2-4 at half-time. "We missed a lot of early chances. It was good to see the boys battling their way back." Canberra should have held a commanding lead at the break, but half-back Chris O'Sullivan was penalised for shepherding after going over for a try in the 22nd minute and forward Paul Elliott was held up over the line in the 35th minute. **(Sydney Morning Herald 4th July 1983)**

Canberra Raiders won the game 24-16 but Wests can console themselves with an \$18,000 windfall at Seiffert Oval yesterday. While financially a success, Wests' voluntary second trip to Canberra this year earned them the unfortunate distinction of becoming the first side the Raiders have beaten twice in a season. ... Bellamy's duel with Terry Lamb proved absorbing, with the Raider pivot producing a points decision win. "I'm sure glad we won this one. I hate talking about missed try-scoring chances when we lose," Raiders' coach Don Furner said. Wests' Michael Duke and Mark Beaven had industrious games with Duke scoring a good try. Skipper Warren Boland, frustrated by the number of errors the Magpies committed said after the match "We were a hope of catching them until Terry Fahey scored his try from dummy half with eight minutes left to play." **(Daily Telegraph 4th July 1983)**

**Notes:** Wests moved to Seiffert Oval and picked up the gate takings of \$18,000 in another desperate bid to improve their finances. Both sides scored four tries but Wests' kickers, David Greene (0/4) and Terry Lamb (0/1) couldn't kick a goal. Michael Duke and Mark Beaven were the two best for Wests, but there were simply too many errors for Wests to keep the pressure on.