



1986 Round 2 Sunday 16th March North Sydney Oval



North Sydney 26

John MCARTHUR
 Andrew SIMONS
 Stephen CASEY
 Mark CANNON
 Les KISS
 Olsen FILIPAINA
 Clayton FRIEND
 Mark GRAHAM (c)
 Fred TEASDELL
 Gavin JONES
 Don MCKINNON
 Rex WRIGHT
 Steve HANSON
 Martin BELLA

def.

Western Suburbs 10

Leo EPIFANIA
 Allen GEELAN
 Brett GALE
 Wilfred WILLIAMS
 Paul SHEAHAN
 Michael NEIL
 Brett CLARK
 Allan BURNS
 Craig CLARKE
 Ian SCHUBERT (c)
 Bruce CLARK
 Alan FALLAH
 Ian FREEMAN
 Gary McFARLANE
 John COGGER
 Brett DAVIS
 Rod PETHYBRIDGE



Tries
 Fred TEASDELL
 Les KISS
 Gavin JONES
 Olsen FILIPAINA

Allan BURNS

Goals
 Olsen FILIPAINA (5)

Leo EPIFANIA (2)
 Gary McFARLANE (1)

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back: J McArthur; three-quarters: A Simons, S Casey, M Cannon, L Kiss; five-eighth: O Filipaina; half: C Friend; forwards: M Graham (c), G Jones, F Teasdell, D McKinnon, R Wright, S Hanson

Western Suburbs: Full-back: L Epifania; three-quarters: A Geelan, B Gale, W Williams, P Sheahan; five-eighth: M Neil; half: B Clark; forwards: A Burns, C Clarke, I Schubert (c), B Clark, A Fallah, I Freeman **Referee: D Spagarino (The Daily Mirror 17th March 1986)**

The North Sydney Oval crowd could have been excused for thinking it was watching a *Rock and Roll Wrestling* exhibition rather than a game of Rugby League yesterday. North Sydney beat Western Suburbs 26-10, but of more significance were two incidents 60 seconds apart, midway through the second half. Prop Don McKinnon (Norths) and winger Allen Geelan (Wests) were sent off by referee Dennis Spagarino charged with head-butting.After Wests were awarded the penalty Geelan ran the ball up and was held in the tackle by Norths' hooker Rex Wright. In an attempt to break free Geelan, a former second-rower, seemed to bang his head against Wright's chest and Spagarino had no hesitation in gesturing him to the sideline. Geelan's futile dismissal ended any chance his team had of getting back into the game after it had led 4-2 at half-time. ...Whatever coach Brian Norton added to the oranges at half-time it certainly stung the Bears into action immediately after the break. Captain Mark Graham made the initial gap for what was quite a remarkable try to second-rower Fred Teasdell two minutes after the break. Despite the attentions of two defenders, Graham got one of his arms free and found centre Mark Cannon, whose grubber kick was grounded by Teasdell over the line.After McKinnon and Geelan were both punished Wests made something of a comeback, with former North Sydney player Allan Burns scoring in the corner. Further tries to winger Les Kiss, after good work by the Kiwi connection of Graham, half Clayton Friend and five-eighth Olsen Filipaina, and then Filipaina meant a comfortable victory for the Bears. "... Wests replaced ball-playing prop Bruce Calrk at half-time after a disagreement with coach Steve Ghosn. "We seem to go to sleep for 10 minutes every match," said Ghosn, who watched his team squander its lead against Penrith last week. Enthusiasm has never been lacking among Wests, but apart from hooker Alan Fallah and captain Ian Schubert total concentration was sadly lacking. "And we have to play Canterbury next week," Ghosn said. **(Sydney Morning Herald 17th March 1986)**

Notes: In a fiery match, Ian Schubert handed over captaincy to Alan Fallah half-way through the match because he couldn't understand referee Spagarino's rulings and Bruce Clark was replaced at half-time after an altercation with Coach Ghosn. Allen Geelan continued his troubled start to the season, being sent off for head-butting. Ironically ex-Wests full-back John McArthur carved up Wests in the second half and only Craig Clarke and Brett Clark offered sturdy resistance.