



1982 Round 2 Saturday 6th March Seiffert Oval



Western Suburbs 33

def.

Canberra 4

Greg COX
Peter BARR
Wayne SMITH
Ross CONLON
Warren BOLAND (c)
Terry LAMB
Alan NEIL
Jim LEIS
Paul MERLO
George MOROKO
Tom ARBER
Arthur MOUNTIER
John DONNELLY
Trevor COGGER
Bruce GRIMALDI

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

Sam VUCAGO
Chris O'GRADY
Frank RODDY
Peter McGRATH
Steve O'CALLAGHN
Lloyd MARTIN
Gerry De la CRUZ
Carl FROMMEL
John McLEOD
John HARDY
David GRANT (c)
Jay HOFFMAN
Jeff SIMONS
Paul WEST
Richard COOKE
Scott DUDMAN

Tries

Terry LAMB (2)
Alan NEIL
Jim LEIS
Bruce GRIMALDI
Ross CONLON
Tom ARBER

Goals

Ross CONLON (6)

Peter McGRATH (2)

Match Description

Canberra: Full-back: S Vucago; three-quarters: C O'Grady, F Roddy, S O'Callaghan; five-eighth: L Martin; half: G De la Cruz; forwards: C Frommel, J McLeod, J Hardy, D Grant (c), J Hoffman, J Simons

Western Suburbs: Full-back: G Cox; three-quarters: P Barr, W Smith, R Conlon, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: A Neil; forwards: J Leis, G Moroko, P Merlo, J Donnelly, A Mountier, T Arber **Referee: M Weekes (The Sun 8th March 1982)**

Canberra Raiders found life in the big league tough again last night when they crashed to Western Suburbs 33-4 at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan. Last weekend, the Sydney premiership new chums were given a 37-7 drubbing by South Sydney and last night the Raiders confronted the same problems. Wests ran in five second-half tries, all converted by centre Ross Conlon. After being held to 10-4 at half-time. Wests' coach Terry Fearnley was happy with Wests' performance after their big loss to Manly in last weekend's premiership opener. "We had good control in the second half," Fearnley said. "The opposition was very enthusiastic and I think will shock a few sides if they come down here half-hearted." Fearnley picked half-back Alan Neil, lock Jim Leis and Conlon as among his best players. However, Neil ended the game with bruised ribs. Canberra coach Don Furner conceded that the Raiders were still not used to the pace of Sydney football. "It is very hard against established sides but we have to keep plugging away. Until we get used to a pace, we have to expect scores like this." Conlon, who combined well with centre partner Wayne Smith, finished with a try and six goals. He should have had a perfect goal-kicking record, but a conversion attempt landed on top of the left-hand upright. ... The score at the break should have been 10-6 but Raiders' Peter McGrath missed a relatively easy penalty attempt. Wests' five-eighth Terry Lamb was sent to the "sin bin" for 10 minutes by referee Martin Weekes after an infringement with only about a minute of the first half left. Wests were first to score after nine minutes when Neil and second-rower George Motoko sent Lamb diving over under the posts. McGrath put the Raiders' first points on the board after 15 minutes with a penalty after a high tackle by Moroko. ... **(The Sun-Herald 7th March 1982)**

.... The form of ex-international lock Jim Leis must have had them jumping for joy. Conlon, one of the finds of 1981, helped himself to 15 points (a try and six goals) while halves Alan Neil and Terry Lamb were as nippy as ever. But there was one blot on Lamb's performance. He was sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes just before half-time after a tackle on a Canberra rival.... **(Sunday Telegraph 7th March 1982)**

Notes: Newly instated Canberra held Wests for a half, but Wests were able to run away with five tries in the last 30 minutes. John Donnelly demonstrated that his fitness was improving, topping the tackle count with 24. Jim Leis and George Moroko were both dynamic, while the half combination finished completely on top, although Alan Neil finished with bruised ribs. Bruce Grimaldi (ex-Parramatta) debuted as a replacement and scored a good try.