



1983 Round 24 Sunday 14th August Wollongong Showground



Illawarra 50

Keith RUGG
 Owen SAUNDERS
 Kim PATRICK
 John DORAHY (c)
 Shane McKELLAR
 Paul THOMPSON
 Mal CREEVEY
 Wayne SPRINGALL
 Rod HENNIKER
 Craig DIMOND
 Russell HOLDSWORTH
 Michael BOLT
 Mark BROADHURST
 Darryl CROSSLAND
 Phil MCKENZIE

def.

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

Western Suburbs 14

Wayne SMITH
 Trevor COGGER
 David GREENE
 Mark BEAVEN
 Warren BOLAND (c)
 Brett DAVIDSON
 Scott GALE
 Michael DUKE
 Brett GALE
 Brian BATTESE
 John DONNELLY
 Arthur MOUNTIER
 Bruce CLARK
 Steve BROUGHTON
 Bob MUIRHEAD
 John COGGER



Tries

Shane McKELLAR (3)
 Owen SAUNDERS (2)
 Mal CREEVEY
 Paul THOMPSON
 Phil MCKENZIE
 John DORAHY

Scott GALE
 Steve BROUGHTON
 Warren BOLAND

Goals

John DORAHY (7)

David GREENE (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: T Cogger, M Beaven, D Greene, W Boland (c); five-eighth: B Davidson; half: S Gale; forwards: M Duke, B Gale, B Battese, J Donnelly, A Mountier, B Clark
Illawarra: Full-back: K Rugg; three-quarters: O Saunders, K {Patrick, J Dorahy (c), S McKellar; five-eighth: P Thompson; half: M Creevey; forwards: W Springall, R Henniker, C Dimond, R Holdsworth, M Bolt, M Broadhurst **Referee: G West (The Sun 15th August 1983)**

The Illawarra Steelers may have further jeopardised Wests' existence when they trounced them 50-14 at Wollongong Showground yesterday. Fuelled by a slick backline, Illawarra tore Wests apart out wide to cross for nine tries and register the club's highest score in two seasons. It was smiles all round in the Steelers' dressing shed with hooker Michael Bolt summing up the feeling when he said: "It was our turn to bat today." But in the opposite room an air of uncertainty was in evidence as coach Len Stacker tried to defend an outfit which simply gave up the ghost after 30 minutes. "There was plenty of morale in the camp leading up to today's match," Stacker said. "But when you get beaten by that many points you've got to say the players haven't done their jobs. However, the loss shouldn't affect our existence. You can't judge a team on one game's performance." Illawarra asserted their authority after weathering some heavy early forward clashes and took over when Wests' prop Bruce Clark was sin-binned for 10 minutes for an indiscretion in back-play. Illawarra led 12-0 at the time and skipped away to a 22-0 lead when Clark returned just before half-time. Eight of the Steelers' tries were scored by backs – which can be taken as a compliment to the distribution of lively half-back Mal Creevey. "He had a big game. Probably his best for the club," five-eighth Paul Thompson said. **(The Sun 15th August 1983)**

The two most experienced players in the Illawarra side, skipper John Dorahy and prop Mark Broadhurst, led the Steelers' 50-14 massacre of Western Suburbs in the Rugby league match at Wollongong Showground yesterday. Wests' giant prop Bruce Clark was sent to the sin-bin for ten minutes in the 28th minute of the first half after receiving cautions on two occasions. It was during Clark's absence that Illawarra asserted their superiority, running in three tries. Illawarra had many heroes but centre Kim Patrick and full-back Kevin Rugg tried hard throughout and were the only backline players not to score tries. The Illawarra forwards were outstanding as they took on their allotted tasks in both attack and defence. **(Sydney Morning Herald 15th August 1983)**

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Notes: This match featured heavy forward clashes but when Bruce Clark went to the sin-bin in the 28th minute the Steelers put on three quick tries and the game was over. In their worst defensive effort of the season, it was obvious that Wests were very badly missing Terry Lamb.