



# 1983 Round 25 Sunday 21st August Lidcombe Oval



## Canterbury 22

def.

## Western Suburbs 10

Chris MORTIMER  
Chris ANDERSON (c)  
Peter MORTIMER  
Ross CONLON  
Tony ARMSTRONG  
Garry HUGHES  
Steve MORTIMER  
Steve FOLKES  
Paul LANGMACK  
Tas BAITIERI  
Geoff ROBINSON  
Billy JOHNSTONE  
John COVENEY  
Mark HARRIGAN  
Mark HUGHES

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

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



**Tries** Ross CONLON (2)  
Tony ARMSTRONG

Trevor COGGER  
David HARRIS

**Goals** Ross CONLON (5)

David GREENE (1)

### Match Description

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

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: C Mortimer; three-quarters: T Armstrong, R Conlon, P Mortimer, C Anderson (c); five-eighth: G Hughes; half: S Mortimer; forwards: S Folkles, T Baitieri, P Langmack, G Robinson, W Johnstone, J Coveney **Referee: C Ward (The Sun 22nd August 1983)**

Two burly policemen were called in to shepherd referee Chris Ward from the field in a sensational ending to Canterbury's drama-charged 22-10 win over Western Suburbs at Lidcombe Oval. With supporters' feelings running high over Ward's dismissal of three Wests' players after a second-half incident, the policemen went to the sidelines and escorted the referee to the dressing rooms through a throng of jeering fans. At least six other police officers, including two stationed at the entrance later congregated outside the change rooms. The police action was taken after it was feared trouble might erupt because of Ward's decision to march a trio of Wests' players early in the second half with Canterbury leading 14-4. In a remarkable train of events starting 14 minutes after the restart, Ward ordered Wests' prop John Donnelly to the sin-bin for 10 minutes, gave Magpies' captain Warren Boland a similar term and sent off veteran hooker Arthur Mountier for only the second time in his lengthy grade career. Mountier fuelled the crowd's ire further when – along with Boland and Donnelly who had served their time – he ran back on the field and was ordered off again by Ward. The Wests' rake, who will face a charge of "foul and abusive language to the referee", was cheered loudly as he trooped off for the second time. Referee Ward, seemingly composed, later explained his rulings which infuriated the Lidcombe fans. "Donnelly was sin-binned after being cautioned for repeatedly laying on players in tackles," said Ward. "I took the action against Boland because he contradicted my decision and against Mountier for using foul and abusive language. As captain, Boland said he queried Ward's decision to give Donnelly a stint in the sin-bin.: "I just asked him why Dallas had been sin-binned," said Boland, who walked several metres away from Ward on the field before being called back and ordered off. The Wests' captain also approached referee Ward after the full-time siren sounded. "I ran up to him and said we would be making an official complaint with the league," Boland said. Former Wests' players, Ross Conlon and Tony Armstrong didn't help quell fans by scoring all of Canterbury's points. But they squared up with their ex-teammates by showering with them in the Wests' rooms. **(Daily Telegraph 22nd August 1983)**

Western Suburbs hooker Arthur Mountier caused a dramatic uproar after being sent off twice while two other Magpie players were ordered to the sin-bin in a sensational Rugby League match against Canterbury-Bankstown at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. .... While for Wests, five-eighth Terry Lamb turned in his usual top performance. Lamb received plenty of support from Cogger and centre David Harris. **(Sydney Morning Herald 22nd August 1983)**

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**Notes:** Wests were well in this match until referee Chris Ward turned the game on its head, 14 minutes into the second half. In the space of a minute, he put Donnelly and Boland in the sinbin and sent off Arthur Mountier for only the second time in his career. Wests' officials put in an official complaint after the game. Terry Lamb had his usual dominant game and David Harris also played well.