



# 1985 Round 25 Sunday 25th August Endeavour Field



**Cronulla-Sutherland 36 def.**

**Western Suburbs 10**

Johnathan DOCKING *Fullback*  
 Phil HURST *Wing*  
 Andrew ETTINGHAUSEN *Centre*  
 Chris GARDNER *Centre*  
 Dean CARNEY *Wing*  
 Barry RUSSELL *Five-eighth*  
 Mark WAKEFIELD *Half*  
 David HATCH (c) *Lock*  
 Craig DIMOND *Second Row*  
 Mark ELLISON *Second Row*  
 Errol HILLIER *Front Row*  
 Gary BURNS *Hooker*  
 Chris WHITHALL *Front Row*  
 Roger McLEOD *Replacement*  
 Glen MORTIMER *Replacement*  
 Jim SEE *Replacement*  
 Richard LAURIE *Replacement*

Chris STEPHANDELLIS  
 John McARTHUR  
 Brett GALE  
 Wayne WIGHAM  
 Gerald CELARC  
 Trevor COGGER  
 Michael NEIL  
 Allen GEELAN  
 Craig MADSEN  
 Lee CROOKS (c)  
 Terry LEABEATER  
 Alan FALLAH  
 Gary McFARLANE  
 Greg DUVAL  
 Geoff DILLON  
 Craig NEIL  
 Greg FALKNER



**Tries**  
 Johnathan DOCKING (2)  
 Andrew ETTINGHAUSEN  
 Phil HURST  
 David HATCH  
 Dean CARNEY

Wayne WIGHAM  
 Greg DUVAL

**Goals**  
 Dean CARNEY (6)

Lee CROOKS (1)

**Match Description**

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: C Stephandellis; three-quarters: J McArthur, B Gale, W Wigham, G Celarc; five-eighth: T Cogger; half: M Neil; forwards: A Geelan, C Madsen, L Crooks (c), G McFarlane, A Fallah, T Leabeater

**Cronulla-Sutherland:** Full-back: J Docking; three-quarters: P Hurst, A Ettinghausen, C Gardner, D Carney; five-eighth: B Russell; half: M Wakefield; forwards: D Hatch (c), M Ellison, C Dimond, E Hillier, G Burns, C Whithall **Referee: G Annesley (The Daily Mirror 26th August 1985)**

Cronulla winger Dean Carney will take up boxing during the off-season after contributing 16 points to the Sharks' 36-10 win over Wests at Ronson Field yesterday. But Carney, 23, has no intention of becoming a 'professional fighter' – he believes boxing can help him in his quest for a Kangaroo tour spot at the end of next season. "I think the greatest advantage to be gained from it is building up stamina from a better functioning of the respiratory system," said Carney, a Wollongong beach inspector. "I'm going to approach Billy Mulholland, the brother of the professional boxer Wayne, for help and I'll work out on the punching bag at Wollongong Surf Club. Carney regained status as the season's leading point-scorer with his 16 points – a try and six goals from eight attempts. ...Gibson scrapped all plans to ease former Test star Steve Rogers back to first grade when the Sharks led 26-0 at half-time. "I had him on the bench until half-time," he said. "With the game locked up at that stage, I told him he could go and play cards. If it had been a tight game, I'd have used him." .. Wests' coach Ken Gentle admitted he thought his team was facing its worst defeat of the season at half-time. "The defence was terrible – there were too many soft tries – I couldn't believe we could be so inept," Gentle said. "If any good came out of the game it was 10-all score in the second half." Next weekend Wests play premiers Canterbury, who inflicted the worst defeat of the season – 52-0 – on them in the first round. "There's quite a few former Canterbury players here and they might be saving themselves," joked Gentle. An early setback did not upset Cronulla's rhythm. Cronulla five-eighth Barry Russell was helped from the field with concussion in the 15th minute after colliding with Wests' captain Lee Crooks. Mark Ellison switched from the second row to take over Russell's spot with Cronulla leading 6-0. He had a particularly good match, setting up tries for captain David Hatch and winger Phil Hurst. .... **(Daily Mirror 26th August 1985)**

**Notes:** Wests were hopeless for 40 minutes and were down 26-0 at half-time. Fired up by a half-time speech, they held Cronulla to 10-all in the second half. Greg McFarlane was very impressive in his first full First Grade game. Alan Fallah was the best for Wests closely followed by Michael Neil. Allen Geelan spent 10 minutes in the sin bin for the third time in three weeks. At least the good news was received that Lee Crooks had signed on for the 1986 season.