



## 1982 Round 26 Saturday 28th August Lidcombe Oval



### St George 17

Brian JOHNSON  
Pat FAIRHALL  
Phillip WILLIAMS  
Stephen CASEY  
Denis KINCHELA  
Tony TRUDGETT  
Steve MORRIS  
Colin FRASER  
Rod REDDY  
Graham QUINN (c)  
Pat JARVIS  
Brad BUCHANAN  
Craig YOUNG  
Mark CANNON  
Robert STONE

def.

### Western Suburbs 10

Wayne SMITH  
Steve BROUGHTON  
Steve ANDERSON  
Ross CONLON  
Warren BOLAND (c)  
Terry LAMB  
Greg COX  
Jim LEIS  
George FAHD  
Paul MERLO  
Terry LEABEATER  
Arthur MOUNTIER  
Tom ARBER  
John DONNELLY  
Michael DUKE  
Brett GALE  
Alan NEIL



**Tries** Tony TRUDGETT  
Steve MORRIS  
Stephen CASEY

Wayne SMITH  
Warren BOLAND

**Goals** Stephen CASEY (4)

Greg COX (2)

#### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: S Broughton, S Anderson, R Conlon, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: G Cox; forwards: J Leis, P Merlo, G Fahd, T Leabeater, A Mountier, T Arber

**St George:** Full-back: B Johnson; three-quarters: P Fairhall, P Williams, S Casey, D Kinchela; five-eighth: T Trudgett; half: S Morris; forwards: C Fraser, R Reddy, G Quinn (c), C Young, B Buchanan, P Jarvis **Referee: K Roberts (The Sun 30th August 1982)**

Western Suburbs five-eighth Terry Lamb yesterday turned his back on a possible Kangaroo tour to spend more time with his fiancée. Lamb, an almost certain selection for the tour to England and France, told the selectors before yesterday's match at Lidcombe Oval that he was not available. Only a handful of people in the crowd of 7,665, who watched St George convincingly beat Wests 17-10, knew of Lamb's decision. The selectors must have been cursing as Lamb was one of the few Western Suburbs players to leave the field with his reputation untarnished. "I told one of the selectors before the match that I was not available for the tour," Lamb said later. "I hardly see my fiancée during the winter months because of the time that is taken up with football. The only chance I get to see her regularly is during the off-season. I simply want to spend more time with her as soon as the season is over." Lamb, a regular five-eighth, but with the utility value of being an accomplished half-back as he showed yesterday, appeared a certain selection for the tour. His recent outstanding form made him a strong chance. But when Michael Pattison fractured his collarbone again there seemed no doubt that Lamb would be chosen in the team. ... Yesterday, Lamb had a sparkling game, first at five-eighth, and later when he moved to half-back after Greg Cox had been warned that he faced dismissal if he infringed any more with his scrum feeding. Wests are in the semi-finals but yesterday's loss could mean they will finish in the sudden death situation playing in the knock-out semi-final next Saturday. St George, with nothing to gain but salvaging some pride, earned their win, although the 10-1 penalty count in their favour in the second half certainly boosted their chances. Coach Terry Fearnley did not offer any excuses. He said simply: "We played badly." And Wests certainly did that, mishandling in attack and brittle in defence as Saints took control of the match. Referee Kevin Roberts sent three players to the sin bin during the match, Craig Young (St George) and Tom Arber (Wests) in the first half and John Donnelly (Wests) 10 seconds before full-time. ... For coach Roy Masters the end of the season was a lot happier than earlier in the year. "The team's effort over the last couple of matches should correct some of the criticism after Penrith beat us," Masters said. ... Kinchela, the young schoolboy, outclassed his Western Suburbs rival Steve Broughton, who has been mentioned as a likely Kangaroo candidate. ... Fearnley has a lot of hard work ahead of him to put Wests back on the winning trail. **(The Sun-Herald 29th August 1982)**

**Notes:** Wests put in a very lacklustre display for such an important match, the loss meaning they had to go to a knockout semi. Three players fed the scrums but a string of second half penalties (mainly scrum penalties), 10-1, meant that Wests simply couldn't get back into the match. Jim Leis was back but had no impact, while Steve Anderson (broken nose) was replaced. Terry Lamb was the only player to emerge with his reputation intact.