



1983 Round 5 Saturday 26th March Seiffert Oval



Canberra 30

Steve O'CALLAGHAN
 Terry FAHEY
 Ron GITEAU
 Allan McMAHON (c)
 Ray BLACKLOCK
 Percy KNIGHT
 Chris O'SULLIVAN
 Ashley GILBERT
 Gary SPEARS
 Sam BACKO
 David GRANT
 Jay HOFFMAN
 Jon HARDY

def.

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

Western Suburbs 22

David GREENE
 Steve BROUGHTON
 Wayne SMITH
 Michael DUKE
 George GHOSN
 Terry LAMB
 Trevor COGGER
 Mark BEAVEN
 Brett GALE
 Brian BATTESE
 George FAHD
 David HALL
 Bill HILLIARD (c)
 Col DENNIS



Tries Terry FAHEY (3)
 Gary SPEARS
 Ray BLACKLOCK

Steve BROUGHTON (2)
 George GHOSN
 Mark BEAVEN

Goals Ron GITEAU (5)

George GHOSN (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Greene; three-quarters: S Broughton, W Smith, M Duke, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: T Cogger; forwards: M Beaven, B Gale, B Battese, G Fahd, D Hall, W Hilliard (c)

Canberra: Full-back: S O'Callaghan; three-quarters: T Fahey, R Giteau, A McMahon (c), R Blacklock; five-eighth: P Knight; half: C O'Sullivan; forwards: A Gilbert, G Spears, S Backo, D Grant, J Hoffman, J Hardy **Referee: M Stone (The Sun 28th March 1983)**

Canberra's "Eastern Suburbs connection", Terry Fahey and Ron Giteau, last night steered the Raiders to their second win of the season in a stirring second-half performance at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan. The Raiders trailed Western Suburbs 14-8 at half-time but, spurred on by a very vocal crowd, stormed home to win 30-22. And it was the big winger, Fahey, with three flashy second-half tries in 19 minutes, who caused all the damage. Giteau, too, was in everything against his old club and booted home five goals. Canberra coach Don Furner bought Fahey and Giteau to boost the Raiders' ranks this season and they certainly gave the 10,746 people plenty to cheer about. It was all Canberra in the second half and, after only two minutes, Fahey sent his team into the lead when he scrambled onto a loose ball after a Percy Knight bomb. Giteau added the extras and it was 16-14 to Canberra. Fahey was back in the action 12 minutes later when he toed the ball over the Wests' line after a loose pass from the Magpies' Terry Lamb to winger Steve Broughton. Fahey took off like a rocket and beat full-back David Greene in the race to the ball. The former Test winger was over the line again five minutes later to score in similar circumstances. The other winger, Ray Blacklock, fielded a Mark Beaven kick and the former Newtown Grand Final star reefed the ball straight back into Wests' territory. Fahey was on the spot again to kick the ball through to send the Raiders racing to a 24-16 lead. As if that wasn't enough, former Balmain forward Gary Spears played the ball forward to crash over for Canberra's fifth try. To the Magpies' credit, they never gave in and fought back to set the scene for a thrilling finish when Broughton scored his second try 11 minutes from time. George Ghosn added the extras and Wests trailed by eight points, and the match was far from over. But it was Canberra who wanted to win and it certainly didn't let coach Furner and its fans down. The Raiders matched some brilliant second-half attacking play with thumping defence. Big props John Hardy and David Grant led the way. Hardy has built up a reputation as one of the toughest tacklers in the game and Wests can certainly vouch for that. He came up with 22 tackles and Grant wasn't far behind him with 18. Former Balmain Tiger Percy Knight was a constant worry to Wests with his jinking runs and he set up his outside backs with some intelligent passing. Knight wove his way around the field in spectacular fashion and he was a big plus for the Raiders. Wests looked likely winners after running in three first-half tries to lock Beaven, Ghosn and Broughton. The Magpies played better percentage football with the Raiders causing their own problems with a high mistake rate. But whatever Furner said at half-time certainly worked. The Raiders came out full of fight and running and the Magpies were caught napping on more than one occasion. **(Sunday Telegraph 27th March 1983)**

Notes: Brian Battese continued his strong form and was easily Wests' best forward. Wests led 14-8 at half-time but once again capitulated in the second half, where Canberra scored two tries off Wests' mistakes. The tactic of spinning the ball wide in the first half paid off with three tries, including one for George Ghosn, who replaced Captain Warren Boland.