



# 1980 Round 6 Sunday 4th May Lidcombe Oval



## Western Suburbs 24

def.

## Canterbury 8

Wayne SMITH  
Wayne BUCKLEY  
Ted GOODWIN  
Ron GITEAU  
Warren BOLAND (c)  
Jim LEIS  
Alan NEIL  
John RIBOT  
Paul MERLO  
Bob COOPER  
John DONNELLY  
Jack JEFFRIES  
Bruce GIBBS  
Ron BRODRICK

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

Stan CUTLER  
Chris ANDERSON  
Chris MORTIMER  
Greg BRENTNALL  
Steve GEARIN  
Garry HUGHES  
Mal CREEVEY  
Mark HUGHES  
Steve FOLKES  
Geoff ROBINSON  
Graham FAUX  
George PEONIS (c)  
Greg COOK

### Tries

Jim LEIS  
Bob COOPER  
Wayne BUCKLEY  
Warren BOLAND

Mal CREEVEY  
Chris ANDERSON

### Goals

Ron GITEAU (6)

Steve GEARIN (1)

### Match Description

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: S Cutler; three-quarters: C Anderson, C Mortimer, G Brentnall, S Gearin; five-eighth: G Hughes; half: M Creevey; forwards: M Hughes, S Folkles, G Robinson, G Faux, G Peponis (c), G Cook

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: W Buckley, E Goodwin, R Giteau, W Boland (c); five-eighth: J Leis; half: A Neil; forwards: J Ribot, P Merlo, R Cooper, J Donnelly, J Jeffries, B Gibbs **Referee: G Hartley (Sun 5th May 1980)**

The man Roy Masters forgot, centre Ron Giteau, yesterday turned on a spectacular around-the-corner goal-kicking display which left the Western Suburbs Magpies in charge of the rugby league premiership. Giteau's brilliant kicking – six from six – helped wipe out Canterbury 24-8 at Lidcombe and left the "battlers" alone at the top of the table. "They would have beaten any side in the competition today," Canterbury secretary Peter Moore said in a glowing post-match tribute to Wests. Wests pulverised Canterbury in the first half (17-0), then quickly snuffed out a brief Bulldogs charge in the second. In 80 minutes of football Wests received just two penalties (Canterbury got 11), but it made no difference. Sleight-of-hand coaching tricks by Masters made it another big day for the shrewd Wests' coach. Masters unveiled a couple of "beauties", sending in second-rower Jim Leis at five-eighth, and using big Bob Cooper, who hadn't rated a mention in the official program in any grade. But Masters admitted to slight embarrassment over Giteau's goal-kicking. When it became apparent on Friday night that a hand injury would force five-eighth Peter Walsh out of the game, Masters cast around for another goal-kicker. The Wests' coach was tossing up between Ted Goodwin and Wayne Buckley until Wests' players reminded him that Giteau had been a regular kicker a couple of seasons back. Masters eventually decided to give Giteau the job. The issue led to a small "brush" between the pair over a beer after Friday night's training. Giteau testily left the hotel, and a beer, after accusing Masters of having no faith in him as a goal-kicker. "I am happy to have been proved wrong," said a happy Masters after yesterday's game. With a dramatic change of style, honed at training where he and Peter Walsh kick for schooners, Giteau kicked superbly yesterday. Wests' players last night happily shouted the celebration drinks on a \$1,500 bonus donated by their sponsors, Victa. It was something to celebrate. The team, which gave every indication that they had been torn apart by off-season raids which took its best players, was sitting on top of the competition. It was a bad day for the Bulldogs. They were completely stifled for most of the game by the tough Wests' defence. And a half-time complaint that the footballs being used were too hard didn't get to first base. It was not a day that referee Greg Hartley will remember with much joy either. Hartley had a couple of decidedly uncertain moments. In the first half he appeared to award a try to Wests and then put down a scrum, and in the second was ready to allow Wests to re-start play with a 22m tap – until George Peponis reminded him that a five-metre scrum was the correct ruling. **(Daily Telegraph 5th May 1980)**

**Notes:** Wests ran all over the top of Canterbury with the switch of Jim Leis to five-eighth proving a winner. Ron Giteau also stepped in as stop-gap kicker and landed six out of six. Wests lost the penalties 11-2 but it seemed to make little difference. Ted Goodwin was at his ostentatious best, while Captain Warren Boland was knocked out early but still scored the last try.