



1985 Round 7 Thursday 25th April Seiffert Oval



Canberra 44

def.

Western Suburbs 12

Mick ALDOUS
 Bill WALKER
 Ron GITEAU (c)
 Chris KINNA
 Phil CAREY
 Craig BELLAMY
 Chris O'SULLIVAN
 Dean LANCE
 Paul ELLIOTT
 Sam BACKO
 Gary SPEARS
 Jay HOFFMAN
 Terry REGAN
 Gary BRITT
 Paul THOMPSON
 Ivan HENJAK

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

John McARTHUR
 Steve EWER
 Trevor COGGER
 Gerald CELARC
 Mark LAWSON
 Gary WARNECKE
 Michael NEIL
 Mark HARRIGAN
 Steve MULLEN
 Allen GEELAN
 Terry LEABEATER (c)
 Alan FALLAH
 Bruce CLARK
 Leo EPIFANIA
 Dave STAFFORD
 Craig MADSEN
 Geoff DILLON



Tries Chris KINNA (2)
 Bill WALKER
 Terry REGAN
 Phil CAREY
 Craig BELLAMY
 Mick ALDOUS

John McARTHUR
 Trevor COGGER

Goals Ron GITEAU (8)

John McARTHUR (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J McArthur; three-quarters: S Ewer, T Cogger, G Celarc, M Lawson; five-eighth: G Warnecke; half: M Neil; forwards: M Harrigan, A Geelan, S Mullen, T Leabeater (c), A Fallah, B Clark

Canberra: Full-back: M Aldous; three-quarters: P Carey, R Giteau (c), C Kinna, W Walker; five-eighth: C Bellamy; half: C O'Sullivan; forwards: D Lance, P Elliott, S Backo, G Spears, J Hoffman, T Regan **Referee: M Stone (Daily Mirror 26th April 1985)**

"Shell-Shocked on Anzac Day" was Western Suburbs' coach Ken Gentle's glum comment after the Canberra Raiders had staged their own march on the Magpies' tryline to win 44-12 at Seiffert Sports Ground yesterday. The Winfield Cup premiership game was over as a contest 10 minutes into the second half when the Raiders' fourth try – scored by five-eighth Craig Bellamy and converted by centre Ron Giteau – took the Raiders to a 26-6 lead. Wests were heartened by an early try from Trevor Cogger and, riding on a scrum dominance, held the lead until shortly before the interval. But at half-time it was obvious Canberra needed only even luck to turn the tide. Coach Don Furner had cited the Raiders' problems. "Our halves weren't releasing the ball quickly enough – they were running two or three yards and getting caught," Furner said after the match. "At half-time I told them that if we spread the ball wide, we'd win by 20 points." Bellamy and half Chris O'Sullivan heeded Furner's advice and the even luck was there in the form of two scrum wins which were followed by tries from full-back Mick Aldous (44th minute) and prop Terry Regan (47th). Canberra hooker Jay Hoffman won only four scrums and two of the 14 won by Wests' Alan Fallah were against the head. Fallah, who was the highest tackler from either team with 31, was clearly Wests' best, ..., **(Daily Mirror 26th April 1985)**

Major changes to the Canberra backline paid off when the home side ran riot to beat Western Suburbs 44-12 in their Rugby League match at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan, yesterday. The decision of coach Don Furner to wield the sword through the Raiders' three-quarters resulted in a burst of scoring early in the second half. Canberra ran in four tries – all converted by captain Ron Giteau – in the first 14 minutes of the second term. The blitz opened an insurmountable 26-point gap between the clubs, Canberra had led 8-6 at half-time. Such was the Raiders' dominance that when they scored their fifth try 10 minutes later Furner, with an eye to next Sunday's game against Canterbury, rested three of his leading players: hooker Jay Hoffman, half-back Chris O'Sullivan and second-rower Sam Backo. ... **(Sydney Morning Herald 26th April 1985)**

Notes: Wests led 6-0 early in this match but faded very badly in the second half. Injuries to Mark Harrigan, Steve Mullen and Terry Leabeater significantly affected the team's performance. Alan Fallah, with 31 tackles, was clearly Wests' best.