



## 1980 Round 8 Sunday 18th May Lidcombe Oval



### Western Suburbs 26

def.

### Balmain 4

Wayne SMITH  
Wayne BUCKLEY  
Mark BEAVEN  
Ron GITEAU  
Warren BOLAND (c)  
Terry LAMB  
Alan NEIL  
Jim LEIS  
John McLEOD  
Bob COOPER  
John DONNELLY  
Alan LATHAM  
Bruce GIBBS

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

Phil SCHAEFER  
Wayne MIRANDA  
John DAVIDSON  
Wayne WIGHAM  
Larry COROWA  
Percy KNIGHT  
Greg OLIPHANT (c)  
Ron PILON  
Gary SPEARS  
Olsen FILIPAINA  
Steve LAVERS  
Frank MARINO  
David GRANT

#### Tries

Terry LAMB (2)  
Ron GITEAU  
Wayne BUCKLEY  
Warren BOLAND

#### Goals

Ron GITEAU (5)  
John DONNELLY (1) One Field Goal

Wayne MIRANDA (2)

#### Match Description

**Balmain:** Full-back: P Schaefer; three-quarters: W Miranda, J Davidson, W Wigham, L Corowa; five-eighth: P Knight; half: G Oliphant (c); forwards: R Pilon, G Spears, O Filipaina, S Lavers, F Marino, D Grant

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: W Buckley, M Beaven, R Giteau, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: A Neil; forwards: J Leis, J McLeod, R Cooper, J Donnelly, A Latham, B Gibbs

**Referee: C Ward (Rugby League Week 22nd May 1980)**

Western Suburbs hung on to its position as equal competition leader when it swamped a disjointed Balmain side by 26-4 at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Wests unearthed another rising star in five-eighth Terry Lamb. Lamb scored two tries, had a hand in a couple of others and tackled like a demon in his first-grade debut. Balmain's task was made more difficult when its tough half-back Greg Oliphant was sent off 12 minutes into the second half charged with using an elbow to an opponent. Apart from Lamb, Western Suburbs was well-served by half Alan Neil and props John Donnelly and Bruce Gibbs while centre Ron Giteau finished with 13 points from a try and five goals. Western Suburbs clinched its victory with an 18-minute scoring burst that realised 13 points from three tries and two goals before half-time. Wests' captain Warren Boland scored 11 minutes later when he received a long pass from Neil. When Lamb scored his first try three minutes from the break Western Suburbs had the match in their keeping. **(Daily Telegraph 19th May 1980)**

What was tipped as a forward battle between Balmain and Wests ended a battle of the midgets with one, Greg Oliphant, sent off. Wests' Alan Neil and rookie five-eighth Terry Lamb so frustrated Oliphant, Neil was left lying flat on his back near a scrum late in the second half. If guilty of elbowing, Oliphant faces a long suspension from the judiciary tonight – he was sent off last season for punching and received four weeks. The Tigers will be an even more spirited lot without him. Wests ran in five tries to nil against a Balmain without Wayne Pearce and Rod Morris, who couldn't back up from City v Country on Saturday. Evidence of Balmain's desperation was positioning of Olsen Filipaina in the second row, Lamb, who only a week back was in the Under 23s, continually beat the first line of defence. And his service to outside backs gave centre Giteau and wingers Buckley and Boland enough edge on the cover to run in tries. **(The Sun 19th May 1980)**

.... The game began on a tough note as both packs of forwards tried to get on top. The physical start earned Balmain's Wayne Miranda two penalty goals and Wests' Ron Giteau one..... Apart from Terry Lamb, Wests had many fine players with the newcomer to first grade, hooker Alan Latham, topping the tackle count with 26. Props John Donnelly and Bruce Gibbs both played well, as did centre Ron Giteau, who finished with 13 points from a try and five goals. **(Sydney Morning Herald 19th May 1980)**

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**Notes:** Three players were on debut and all were impressive. John McLeod (ex-Valleys, Brisbane) and Alan Latham (topped tackle count (26) both had strong games. The star, however, was U23's player Terry Lamb who was super-impressive. He scored two dazzling tries, tackled ferociously and set the backs moving all game. It meant that Wests were always in control. The forwards, led by charging Donnelly and Gibbs, made many breaks through the middle. Greg Oliphant's 52nd minute send-off made no difference to the result.