



1984 Round 12 Sunday 20th May Belmore Oval



Canterbury 18

def.

Western Suburbs 10

Michael POTTER
 Chris ANDERSON (c)
 Greg MULLANE
 Andrew FARRAR
 Ross CONLON
 Garry HUGHES
 Steve MORTIMER
 Jim LEIS
 Brian BATTESE
 Paul LANGMACK
 Geoff ROBINSON
 Billy JOHNSTONE
 Peter TUNKS
 Chris MORTIMER
 David GILLESPIE
 Terry LEABEATER

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

Leo EPIFANIA
 Steve KERR
 Steve BROUGHTON (c)
 Eddie FLAHEY
 Mick PINKERTON
 Trevor COGGER
 John McARTHUR
 Mark HARRIGAN
 Michael DUKE
 Allen GEELAN
 John COVENEY
 Pat ENGLISH
 Garry WEBSTER
 Gerald CELARC
 John COGGER



Tries Michael POTTER
 Steve MORTIMER

Trevor COGGER
 Steve BROUGHTON

Goals Ross CONLON (5)

Steve KERR (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: L Epifania; three-quarters: S Kerr, S Broughton (c), E Flahey, M Pinkerton; five-eighth: T Cogger; half: J McArthur; forwards: M Harrigan, M Duke, A Geelan, J Coveney, P English, G Webster

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: M Potter; three-quarters: C Anderson (c), G Mullane, A Farrar, R Conlon; five-eighth: G Hughes; half: S Mortimer; forwards: J Leis, B Battese, P Langmack, G Robinson, W Johnstone, P Tunks **Referee: M Weekes (The Daily Mirror 21st May 1984)**

Weary Canterbury half-back Steve Mortimer limped off Belmore Sports Ground a hero yesterday, having steered the Bulldogs home 18-10 against an enthusiastic Western Suburbs to complete one of his most satisfying weekends in rugby league. Mortimer, named last night as the NSW half for next week's first State-of-Origin match, after outpointing Peter Sterling in the Sydney-Country clash on Saturday, saved plenty of cunning for the hapless Magpies. Backing up, along with six other Canterbury players after the representative matches, Mortimer took his usual control of the Bulldogs' attack and showed great judgement to score after 24 minutes. After a passing burst saw centre Greg Mullane cross Wests' quarter-line with the defence closing, Mortimer pointed ahead for this team-mate to kick and then zoomed in. The little half collected a neat bounce to score. After fullback Mick Potter's 39th-minute try sent Canterbury to the break 14-0 up, it appeared Wests would be hard-pressed to keep the score down. But a concerted second half defensive effort, led by lock Mark Harrigan, who took Canterbury's Geoff Robinson head-on half-a-dozen times among his 46 tackles, and two tries put Wests back in touch after 55 minutes. Vital penalties to Canterbury in the 64th and 71st minutes, both converted by winger Ross Conlon, eventually held the Magpies at bay – and ignited their coach Ken Gentle's temper. Gentle was fuming over referee Martin Weekes' performance, describing it as the worst he had seen in 16 years of coaching. "Every time he got us, it was well within kicking range for Conlon," he said. Mortimer was replaced 10 minutes from full-time with a damaged calf muscle, but had no doubt he would be fit for Wednesday night's National Panasonic Cup game against Manly. **(Daily Mirror 21st May 1984)**

.... With the game delicately poised at 14-10, the Magpies conceded penalties, two of which Ross Conlon converted. That gave the Bulldogs a breathing space and ultimate victory. The Magpies again showed plenty of character and did their coach proud with their whole-hearted and enterprising second-half effort. Among their key players was lock Mark Harrigan, who showed there is no substitute for courage when he bounced back after two heavy knocks and figured in Broughton's try – and made an extraordinary 45 tackles. Prop John Coveney (35 tackles) revelled in the conditions against his former club, while full-back Leo Epifania showed a great deal of spark in attack. **(Daily Telegraph 21st May 1984)**

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Notes: Wests were down 14-0 at half-time but gallantly fought their way back 14-10, on the back of a Steve Broughton 70 metre try which was regarded as the best of the round. At that point Canterbury were given two penalties in front of the posts and Conlon put them safely in front, much to the frustration of coach Gentles, who rated the performance of referee Martin Weekes one of the worst he'd ever seen. Steve Kerr, a \$10 buy from Ryde-Eastwood, had an impressive debut, but it was a powerhouse performance by lock Mark Harrigan which inspired the comeback.