



1985 Round 13 Sunday 2nd June Lidcombe Oval



Canterbury 52

def.

Western Suburbs 0

Phil SIGSWORTH
 Steve GEARIN
 Peter MORTIMER
 Chris MORTIMER
 Andrew FARRAR
 Michael HAGAN
 Steve MORTIMER (c)
 Terry LAMB
 Steve FOLKES
 Paul LANGMACK
 Brian BATTESE
 Billy JOHNSTONE
 Peter TUNKS

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

John McARTHUR
 Greg DUVAL
 Brett GALE
 Wayne WIGHAM
 Gerald CELARC
 Trevor COGGER
 Michael NEIL
 Geoff SUTTON
 Craig CLARKE
 Lee CROOKS
 Terry LEABEATER (c)
 Grant FYVIE
 Bruce CLARK
 Mark HARRIGAN
 Mark KEEHAN
 Garry WEBSTER
 Brett CLARK



Tries Andrew FARRAR (4)
 Peter MORTIMER (2)
 Phil SIGSWORTH
 Chris MORTIMER
 Terry LAMB
 Steve GEARIN

Goals Steve GEARIN (6)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: P Sigsworth; three-quarters: S Gearin, P Mortimer, C Mortimer, A Farrar; five-eighth: M Hagan; half: S Mortimer (c); forwards: T Lamb, P Langmack, S Folkes, B Battese, BW Johnstone, P Tunks

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J McArthur; three-quarters: G Duval, B Gale, W Wigham, G Celarc; five-eighth: T Cogger; half: M Neil; forwards: G Sutton, C Clarke, L Crooks, T Leabeater (c), G Fyvie, B Clark **Referee: G McCallum (The Daily Mirror 3rd June 1985)**

Canterbury winger Andrew Farrar scored four tries to equal the club premiership record as the Rugby League premiers annihilated Western Suburbs 52-0 at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Farrar just missed the outright record right on full-time when he failed to field a kick ahead by halfback Steve Mortimer. Centre Peter Mortimer gathered in the ball to score his second try. The welcome return to form by the Bulldogs realised 10 tries and the game was well won at half-time with Canterbury leading 26-0. Farrar's effort enabled him to win the players' Player-of-the-Match award, just ahead of rookie five-eighth Michael Hagan. ... Hagan was in devastating form, whether he was firing his bullet-like passes to the centres or spearing through the gaps with his quiet acceleration. The friendly cadet reporter for the local newspaper said after the game he was just following instructions. "The match plan today was to play it wide, which is what I did, and the other backs finished it off," Hagan suggested modestly. Coach Warren Ryan said Hagan's stint in England, where he usually played halfback, had improved his game. "He keeps getting better. Going to England has clearly helped him," Ryan said. An easy victory for Canterbury was apparent after only six minutes, by which time they had two tries and a goal on board by playing dry-weather football on a very soggy ground. They opened the scoring in the fourth minute when Chris Mortimer scored after lock Terry Lamb got a freakish pass away as he was tackled. Farrar chimed in with two similar tries in the sixth and 16th minutes. Farrar stood deep, stormed on to the ball at full pace and proved unstoppable. He scored his third try nine minutes from the break when he backed up Peter Mortimer, who was in the clear after intercepting a wild Western Suburbs' pass. Farrar's fourth and final try was also the result of good backing-up. He swept infield to take a pass from Michael Hagan, who had split the defence. The Canterbury camp was quick to play down the size of the win, acknowledging that Wests might have suffered a letdown after Wednesday night's National Panasonic Cup semi-final. A shaken Western Suburbs' coach, Ken Gentle, said: "I am devastated. I cannot believe they could play as badly as that after their good performance on Wednesday night. (Sydney Morning Herald 3rd June 1985)

Notes: This very poor display followed a narrow unlucky 12-10 loss to Balmain in the Panasonic Cup semi-final, where two Lee Crooks' goal attempts hit the post. The team seemed very flat and were completely outclassed by the Premiers. Nine of the ten tries were scored by backs and they had no answer to a rampaging Andrew Farrar. Both Craig Clarke and Wayne Wigham played with a touch of food poisoning.