



# 1986 Round 16 Monday 23rd June Cricket Ground



## Canterbury 54

Phil SIGSWORTH  
 Steve O'BRIEN  
 Andrew FARRAR  
 Chris MORTIMER  
 Peter MORTIMER  
 Terry LAMB  
 Steve MORTIMER (c)  
 Paul LANGMACK  
 Steve FOLKES  
 David GILLESPIE  
 Paul DUNN  
 Billy JOHNSTONE  
 Peter KELLY  
 David BOYD  
 Peter JOHNSTON

def.

## Western Suburbs 4

Rod PETHYBRIDGE  
 Brett CLARK  
 Wilfred WILLIAMS  
 John HENDERSON  
 Des DRUMMOND  
 Trevor COGGER  
 Deryck FOX  
 Ian SCHUBERT  
 John BILBIJA  
 Lee CROOKS (c)  
 Ian FREEMAN  
 Alan FALLAH  
 Craig ELLIS  
 Greg DUVAL  
 Allan BURNS  
 Garry WEBSTER



### Tries

Steve O'BRIEN (2)  
 Peter MORTIMER  
 Steve MORTIMER  
 Paul LANGMACK  
 Steve FOLKES  
 Billy JOHNSTONE  
 Terry LAMB  
 Phil SIGSWORTH

Rod PETHYBRIDGE

### Goals

Terry LAMB (9)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: R Pethybridge; three-quarters: B Clark, W Williams, J Henderson, D Drummond; five-eighth: T Cogger; half: D Fox; forwards: I Schubert, L Crooks (c), J Bilbija, I Freeman, A Fallah, C Ellis

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: P Sigsworth; three-quarters: P Mortimer, A Farrar, C Mortimer, S O'Brien; five-eighth: T Lamb; half: S Mortimer (c); forwards: P Langmack, S Folkes, D Gillespie, P Kelly, W Johnstone, P Dunn **Referee: B Barnes (Daily Mirror 23rd June 1986)**

... After two successive losses, the Bulldogs regained their premiership momentum in devastating style. Their forwards pounded Wests into submission, laying the foundations for a nine tries to one mauling. "The boys showed much more commitment and never let up," delighted Canterbury coach Warren Ryan said. "It was a pleasing return to form but our true test will come this week against Penrith at Penrith Park." The Bulldogs' pack performed so impressively that State of Origin prop Peter Tunks, rested from the game with a knee injury, sees a dim future for himself. "They played that well, I might be coming back next Sunday in reserve grade," Tunks said. "I don't see how they can drop anyone, but I'm not too proud to play reserve grade at Canterbury and won't be dropping my bundle." The match was well and truly over by half time, when the Bulldogs held a commanding 26-4 lead against the shell-shocked Magpies. Admittedly, nothing went Wests' way in a nightmare game for the Magpies. Three of Canterbury's tries came from Wests' errors in possession, while two more came from Steve Mortimer grubber kicks that were fumbled by the defence. "Canterbury is in a class of its own and will win the premiership wherever it finishes in the final five," Wests' coach Steve Ghosn declared. "They are unbeatable on their day and have the best team and the best coach. I thought our flogging days were over but it looks like I'll have to go back to the drawing board." Apart from Sigsworth, halves Steve Mortimer and Terry Lamb and second-rower David Gillespie were in outstanding form for the Bulldogs. ... Lamb produced a vintage display against his old club, frequently breaking the defence and scoring 22 points from a try and nine goals. Wests' English imports, the stars of several recent wins, were powerless to stop the Canterbury assault. Only second-rower John Bilbija and fullback Rod Pethybridge played anywhere near their best in a totally outclassed Magpie side. **(Daily Mirror 24th June 1986)**

**Notes:** This was Wests' most disappointing display of the season but they ran into a red-hot Bulldogs who Coach Ghosn predicted would easily win the Premiership. They were thoroughly outplayed in the forwards, laying the foundations for a nine try blitz. Only John Bilbija and Rod Pethybridge came out of the game with their heads held high.