



# 1984 Round 17 Sunday 24th June Lidcombe Oval



## Canberra 26

Steve O'CALLAGHAN  
 Bill WALKER  
 Ron GITEAU (c)  
 Craig BELLAMY  
 Matthew CORKERY  
 Percy KNIGHT  
 Chris O'SULLIVAN  
 Dean LANCE  
 Paul ELLIOTT  
 Sam BACKO  
 David GRANT  
 Jay HOFFMAN  
 John McLEOD  
 Ashley GILBERT  
 Grant ELLIS  
 Ivan HENJAK

## def.

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

## Western Suburbs 12

Trevor COGGER  
 Steve BROUGHTON (c)  
 Eddie FLAHEY  
 John McARTHUR  
 Gerald CELARC  
 Michael NEIL  
 Brett CLARK  
 Mark HARRIGAN  
 George FAHD  
 Allen GEELAN  
 Garry WEBSTER  
 Scott RIGNEY  
 Bruce CLARK  
 Greg McELHONE  
 Steve KERR  
 Matt CARTER  
 George KATSOGIANNIS



### Tries

Jay HOFFMAN  
 Ivan HENJAK  
 Ron GITEAU  
 Craig BELLAMY  
 Sam BACKO

Bruce CLARK  
 Steve BROUGHTON

### Goals

Ron GITEAU (3)

John McARTHUR (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: T Cogger; three-quarters: S Broughton (c), E Flahey, J McArthur, G Celarc; five-eighth: M Neil; half; B Clark; forwards: M Harrigan, G Fahd, A Geelan, B Clark, S Rigney, G Webster

**Canberra:** Full-back: S O'Callaghan; three-quarters: W Walker, R Giteau (c), C Bellamy, M Corkery; five-eighth: P Knight; half: C O'Sullivan; forwards: D Lance, P Elliott, S Backo, J McLeod, J Hoffman, D Grant **Referee: K Roberts (The Daily Mirror 25th June 1984)**

Canberra Raiders coach Don Furner could hardly believe his good fortune in coming away with two competition points from yesterday's match against Wests at Lidcombe Oval. Furner had just watched his raiders fumble their way to a 26-12 win against the hapless Magpies in a match that luckily was watched by only 2526 spectators. "It's not often a team can play as badly as that and still come away with a win," a greatly relieved Furner said. To put it simply, Canberra was awful and, as for Wests, the least said the better. Dropped balls were the order of the day with Furner revealing after the game that Canberra lost possession 28 times before the fourth tackle. But to their credit, the raiders at least took their chances, which is more than can be said for Wests. John McArthur might be a player with plenty of promise but a goal-kicker he is not. McArthur missed three kicks from right in front, which could have easily reversed the result. The Magpies have enough troubles as it is and can't afford the luxury of not having a reliable goal-kicker. "That match was there for the taking," Wests' coach Ken Gentle lamented. Two Magpies who could hold their heads high were heavyweight props Gary Webster and Bruce "Bruiser" Clark. Clark began the scoring in the opening minutes when he crashed over for a try but the Raiders replied with tries to Jay Hoffman, Ron Giteau and Craig Bellamy to lead 14-6 at half-time. Giteau probably surprised even himself when he sprinted 80m to score after plucking a loose Magpie pass out of the air. Wests got back into the game shortly after the resumption with a runaway try to Steve Broughton but 14-12 was as close as they were going to get. Canberra wrapped up the match with two late tries to Ivan Henjak and Sam Backo. **(Daily Telegraph 25th June 1984)**

.. The statistics highlighted the game, with Canberra dropping the ball 28 times before the fourth tackle and Wests faring no better in this phase. Stoppages for scrums and penalties rated a high 46. Wests opened the scoring when Wests' prop Bruce "Bruiser" Clark made a good bust of about 30m, played the ball forward and charged over the line. .... **(Daily Mirror 25th June 1984)**

**Notes:** The final score in no way reflects the closeness of this match. Wests fought back to be down 14-12 in the second half, when John McArthur missed three easy penalty goals from in front. Canberra scored two late tries, one an 80m intercept to just get home. Bruce Clark had a good game, scoring a typical bulldozing try but it was half, Brett Clark, who impressed greatly with his dazzling acceleration in the second half.