



1984 Round 2 Wednesday 28th March Seiffert Oval



Canberra 22

Ron SIGSWORTH
 Bill WALKER
 Ron GITEAU (c)
 Dean LANCE
 Ray BLACKLOCK
 Percy KNIGHT
 Chris O'SULLIVAN
 Ashley GILBERT
 Gary SPEARS
 Paul ELLIOTT
 David GRANT
 Jay HOFFMAN
 John McLEOD
 Sam BACKO
 Ivan HENJAK
 Craig BELLAMY
 Mark BRENNAN

def.

Western Suburbs 12

John McARTHUR
 Steve BROUGHTON
 Wayne SMITH (c)
 Gerald CELARC
 Mick PINKERTON
 Michael NEIL
 Trevor COGGER
 Mark HARRIGAN
 Allen GEELAN
 Craig MADSEN
 John COVENEY
 Pat ENGLISH
 Bruce CLARK
 Craig ELLIS
 Matt CARTER
 George FAHD
 Garry WEBSTER



Tries Chris O'SULLIVAN (2)
 Paul ELLIOTT

Steve BROUGHTON
 Bruce CLARK

Goals Ron GITEAU (5)

John McARTHUR (2)

Match Description

Canberra: Full-back: R Sigsworth; three-quarters: W Walker, R Giteau (c), D Lance, R Blacklock; five-eighth: P Knight; half: C O'Sullivan; forwards: A Gilbert, P Elliott, G Spears, J McLeod, J Hoffman, D Grant

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J McArthur; three-quarters: S Broughton, W Smith (c), G Celarc, M Pinkerton; five-eighth: M Neil; half: T Cogger; forwards: M Harrigan, A Geelan, C Madsen, J Coveney, P English, B Clark **Referee: M Weekes (The Daily Mirror 29th March 1984)**

Former St George half-back Ivan Henjak will have to bide his time in reserve grade following Chris O'Sullivan's match-winning form in Canberra's 22-12 win over Western Suburbs at Seiffert Oval last night. In a dazzling display, O'Sullivan maintained his 1983 form to seal the Raiders' second win of the season with a solo try six minutes from full-time. Until then Canberra had to battle hard to gain the upper hand against an inferior but pugnacious Wests. Even with storming displays by forwards David Grant and Paul Elliott that led to a series of first-half breaks, Canberra still trailed 12-10 at half-time. Wests' winger Steve Broughton finished off a brilliantly executed blind-side move in the fifth minute with a try and then Wests' best player, Bruce Clark, ambled over for another try in the 31st minute. Wests had few chances early and they took them, whereas Canberra couldn't finish off the outstanding work Grant, Elliott and Ray Blacklock created. Magpies' coach Ken Gentle emphasised to his forwards they must stop the Raiders' rampaging up front, and they held Canberra at 12-all after an hour's play before O'Sullivan cut loose. Grant produced a powerhouse effort, off-loading brilliantly while wingers Blacklock and Bill Walker created plenty of problems out wide. Clark, until replaced with an injured shoulder late in the game, gave a fine display, while his partner John Coveney tightened up the middle with 38 tackles. Gentle was satisfied with his team's all-round effort. "We kept tabs on Percy Knight, but O'Sullivan slipped through too often," he said. "During the second half I thought we might hold them out as our defence improved, but they finally finished too strong." (**Daily Telegraph 29th March 1984**)

The Canberra Raiders surged to the front of the premiership for the first time in their short history with crushing wins in all three grades against Wests at Seiffert Oval last night. They proved too big and fast for Wests and scored three tries to two. Wests battled hard but couldn't match the ball skills of the Raiders, particularly second-rower Paul Elliott and five-eighth Percy Knight. Gary Spear, with his hard running and tigerish defence, had a great game at second row for the Raiders. Best players for Wests were second-rower Craig Madsen, prop Bruce Clark and five-eighth Michael Neil. The first half produced some scrappy football, especially by the Raiders. Prop John McLeod was guilty of dropping the ball three times from simple passes. The Raiders' defence also left a lot to be desired because Wests won only two scrums and scored each time. Steve Broughton scored Wests' first try wide out after catching Billy Walker, his opposite number, and Ron Sigsworth, full-back, out of position. (**Daily Mirror 29th March 1984**)

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Notes: This was a close game where Ron Giteau's goal-kicking made the difference. Wests led 12-10 at half-time but couldn't contain Chris O'Sullivan in the second half. Steve Broughton's try was the result of a brilliant backline movement. Best for Wests were Craig Madsen, Bruce Clark and Michael Neil.