



# 1986 Round 24 Sunday 17th August Endeavour Field



**Cronulla-Sutherland 26**

**def.**

**Western Suburbs 12**

Jonathan DOCKING *Fullback*  
 Phil HURST *Wing*  
 Andrew ETTINGHAUSEN *Centre*  
 Mark McGAW *Centre*  
 Glenn COLEMAN *Wing*  
 Michael SPEECHLEY *Five-eighth*  
 Mark WAKEFIELD *Half*  
 David HATCH (c) *Lock*  
 Glen MORTIMER *Second Row*  
 Gavin MILLER *Second Row*  
 Robert JACKSON *Front Row*  
 Michael PORTER *Hooker*  
 Brad PERRY *Front Row*  
 Darren COLES *Replacement*  
 Errol HILLIER *Replacement*  
 Alan WILSON *Replacement*  
 Paul KENNEDY *Replacement*

Rod PETHYBRIDGE  
 Allen GEELAN  
 Wilfred WILLIAMS  
 Trevor COGGER  
 Paul SHEAHAN  
 Michael NEIL  
 Brett CLARK  
 Ian SCHUBERT (c)  
 John ELIAS  
 John BILBIJA  
 Lee CROOKS  
 Alan FALLAH  
 Garry WEBSTER  
 Ian NADEN  
 Greg FALKNER



**Tries** Andrew ETTINGHAUSEN (2)  
 Michael SPEECHLEY  
 Phil HURST  
 Glenn COLEMAN

Rod PETHYBRIDGE  
 Michael NEIL

**Goals** Phil HURST (3)

Ian SCHUBERT (2)

**Match Description**

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: R Pethybridge; three-quarters: A Geelan, T Cogger, W Williams, P Sheahan; five-eighth: M Neil; half: B Clark; forwards: I Schubert (c), J Elias, J Bilbija, L Crooks, A Fallah, G Webster

**Cronulla-Sutherland:** Full-back: J Docking; three-quarters: P Hurst, A Ettinghausen, M McGaw, G Coleman; five-eighth: M Speechley; half: M Wakefield; forwards: D Hatch (c), G Mortimer, G Miller, R Jackson, M Porter, B Perry **Referee: G Annesley (The Daily Mirror 18th August 1986)**

... In a superb defensive display Cronulla blotted out the Magpies' key attacking players Lee Crooks, Brett Clark and Rod Pethybridge. Classy centre Andrew Ettinghausen eventually provided the difference between the two sides, scoring two tries and featuring prominently in another. Had goal-kicking winger Phil Hurst been on target – he could manage only three goals from seven attempts – Cronulla would have wrapped up the game sooner than they did. The Sharks sealed the match when Hurst made amends for his poor goal-kicking by scoring an intercept try under the posts right on fulltime. But Ettinghausen paved the way for the win with his two-try effort, the first coming in the fifth minute when he produced a flashy 20m sprint to outpace the defence. After the opening burst Wests were soon in control of the ball through a huge 11-3 scrum advantage but could not reach the line as three and four Cronulla players at a time swarmed up in defence. Leading the way were lock David Hatch and second-rower Gavin Miller, who finished with 31 tackles each, just ahead of prop Brad Perry, who made 30. ... With the match evenly balanced at half-time Cronulla tipped the scales in their favour when Ettinghausen reached the line before passing to unmarked rookie winger Glen Coleman, who scored in the corner. Ettinghausen stretched the lead to 18-6 when he swooped on a dropped ball in the Wests' backline for his second try 10 minutes later. Wests added some respectability to the score when fullback Pethybridge crossed for his 12th try of the season. Magpie coach Steve Ghosn lamented the fact that two Cronulla tries came from errors and another from a freakish bounce. But he conceded that Cronulla was the better side. "They just tackled us out of it," he said. For Crooks, Wests' English import, it was a disappointing end to the season, although he said he had enjoyed his stay and hoped to come back. "It was a sad way to finish but I've had a good time and I would love to come back to the club in 1988," he said. .... Wests had little on the credit side, although Pethybridge and five-eighth Michael Neil tried hard throughout. But the forwards were never going forward and the backs obviously suffered. Sharks' president, Mr Monty Porter, said Cronulla's possible benefactor, Dr Geoffrey Edelsten, was at the match to meet the players. ... **(Sydney Morning Herald 18th August 1986)**

**Notes:** Andrew Ettinghausen starred in a defensive demolition of Wests. In a very scrappy match, Wests were tackled out of the game. Rod Pethybridge continued his good form but was tackled making half-breaks. Tries just before and just after half-time sealed the game for Cronulla. One bright spot was Alan Fallah winning the scrums 15-7.