



# 1984 Round 25 Sunday 19th August Lidcombe Oval



## Canterbury 38

Michael POTTER  
 Peter MORTIMER  
 Andrew FARRAR  
 Chris MORTIMER  
 Max MANNIX  
 Michael HAGAN  
 Steve MORTIMER (c)  
 Paul LANGMACK  
 Steve FOLKES  
 Darryl BROHMAN  
 Peter KELLY  
 Mark BUGDEN  
 Peter TUNKS  
 Jim LEIS  
 Ross CONLON  
 Steve O'BRIEN

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 2

John McARTHUR  
 Steve BROUGHTON (c)  
 Eddie FLAHEY  
 Gerald CELARC  
 Wayne SMITH  
 Michael NEIL  
 Trevor COGGER  
 Mark HARRIGAN  
 Michael DUKE  
 Allen GEELAN  
 Geoff SPOTSWOOD  
 Alan FALLAH  
 Bruce CLARK  
 Greg COX  
 George FAHD  
 John COGGER  
 Brett CLARK



**Tries** Peter MORTIMER (4)  
 Peter TUNKS (2)  
 Steve O'BRIEN (2)

**Goals** Chris MORTIMER (3)

John McARTHUR (1)

### Match Description

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

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: M Potter; three-quarters: P Mortimer, A Farrar, C Mortimer, M Mannix; five-eighth: M Hagan; half: S Mortimer (c); forwards: P Langmack, S Folkes, D Brohman, P Kelly, M Bugden, P Tunks **Referee: G West (The Daily Mirror 20th August 1984)**

Two years ago, the Western Suburbs battle-cry proclaimed "You can't stop the Magpies" and even the infamous wooden-spoon or the threat of premiership suspension has not dimmed the club's enthusiasm this season. While Wests had wrapped up last place in the competition several weeks ago and seem set to fight for their premiership survival, the old Magpie spirit lingered at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Although walloped 38-2 by minor premiers Canterbury in first grade, Wests still managed to finish the day immersed in drama. A succession of events which surrounded the Magpies' last appearance at Lidcombe this season started early in the afternoon. In separate incidents:

- Newly appointed Wests' secretary Rick Wayde was ordered from the ground by referee Steve Nash late in the third-grade match
- Wests' prop Bruce Clark and Canterbury second-rower Steve Folkes were sin-binned in first grade for 10 minutes by referee Graeme West after trading punches
- Magpie centre Gerard Celarc was sent off by West on a late tackle charge only minutes later
- Wests played for several minutes with only 10 men following the marching of Clark and Celarc and a serious arm injury to hooker Alan Fallah.

Wayde's sensational dismissal followed a confrontation with referee Nash and linesman Paul Miller 15 minutes from the end of the game.... Nash and Miller conferred before Wayde was ordered to the players' entrance by the referee. Earlier, Wayde had been seated near the touchline. Referee Nash stopped play while he spoke to Wayde, who turned and sat down again with other Wests' officials and players near the touchline. Nash spoke with Wayde again before pointing to the gate for a second time....Wayde said he did not think the incident would lead to an official report. "I believe they're not going on with it anyway," he said. Wayde's sending-off set the stage for Clark and Celarc's dismissals in first grade. With Canterbury leading 30-2 midway through the second half, Clark and Bulldogs' forward Folkes were involved in a skirmish and sin-binned for 10 minutes each. Clark's eye was bleeding badly as he left the field and Folkes was loudly hooted by the crowd. Only two minutes later, Celarc followed Folkes and Clark off the field after an incident in which several players grappled on the ground. Celarc, a young Wests' recruit from Canterbury, will face the NSWRL judiciary tonight on a charge of "late tackle after two previous cautions." **(Daily Telegraph 20th August 1984)**

In Ged Celarc's own words: "... A video tape of the game was shown to the judiciary and I was exonerated due to the circumstances that had occurred just prior when a Canterbury player had just stiff armed me to the head and all agreed the send-off was ample punishment .. "

**Notes:** Wests tried hard but were obviously outclassed by the minor premiers. Despite the score, it was a fiery match and Wests actually finished the game with 10 men. Gerald Celarc was sent off for a late tackle, later exonerated by the judiciary, and Bruce Clark was in the sin bin after an all-in brawl. Wests ran out of replacements when Alan Fallah was carried off with a serious arm injury.