



1986 Round 26 Sunday 31st August Lidcombe Oval



Eastern Suburbs 8

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Western Suburbs 6

Wayne PORTLOCK	Fullback
Wayne CHALLIS	Wing
Gary PROHM	Centre
Brian JOHNSON	Centre
Dean BELL	Wing
Brendan HALL	Five-eighth
Kevin HASTINGS	Half
Hugh McGAHAN (c)	Lock
Steve HARDY	Second Row
Trevor GILLMEISTER	Second Row
Brad TESSMAN	Front Row
Robert SIMPKINS	Hooker
Brian BATTESE	Front Row
Jim HARVEY	Replacement
Tony MELROSE	Replacement

Rod PETHYBRIDGE
Allen GEELAN
Wilfred WILLIAMS
Trevor COGGER
Paul SHEAHAN
Michael NEIL
Brett CLARK
Ian SCHUBERT (c)
John ELIAS
John BILBIJA
Gerry BYRON
Alan FALLAH
Garry WEBSTER
Ian NADEN
Chris STEPHANDELLIS



Tries

Goals

Wayne PORTLOCK (4) One Field Goal
Kevin HASTINGS (1) Field Goal

Ian SCHUBERT (3)

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, G Byron, A Fallah, G Webster

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: W Portlock; three-quarters: W Challis, G Prohm, B Johnson, D Bell; five-eighth: B Hall; half: K Hastings; forwards: H McGahan, S Hardy, T Gillmeister, B Tessman, R Simpkins, B Battese **Referee: P Cooley (The Daily Mirror 1st September 1986)**

Western Suburbs centre Wilfred Williams was hauled from the field and later blasted by coach Steve Ghosn after giving away a penalty which lifted Easts to an 8-6 win over the Magpies in the Winfield Cup clash at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. With Wests clinging to a 6-5 lead midway through the second half, Williams was penalised by referee Phil Cooley after being involved in a skirmish with an Easts' player. Fullback Wayne Portlock landed a wide-angled goal from the penalty to put Easts ahead 7-6 and on the road to victory. Williams, who was earlier sent to the sin-bin for a 10-minute stint, was replaced by Ian Naden soon afterwards. "Wilfred's mistake cost us the game and he knows that," Ghosn said. "He came in and punched one of the Easts' guys on the chin and that meant the difference between victory and defeat." Ghosn said. Williams apologised to him following the incident. "We were never a chance after Easts kicked that penalty goal," Ghosn said. "We were leading 6-5 with 14 minutes to go and I believe we had the game won." Portlock later stretched Easts' lead to 8-6 in the 74th minute when he kicked a simple field goal from dummy half. Unfortunately, the 7375 who attended Wests' last hurrah at Lidcombe left disappointed. With the Magpies trailing 5-2 at the break, Wests' officials appealed to the crowd to stay off the field at fulltime because the players had intended doing a lap of honour after the match. But the Roosters spoiled any hopes Wests had of savouring some special moments before they move to Campbelltown next year by scraping home to victory. Easts' coach Arthur Beetson was unhappy with his team's performance and said he gave up counting the mistake rate after 50 errors. "It was a very disappointing game and the ball handling was terrible," Beetson said. "We continually coughed up the ball in attacking positions." Easts' five-eighth Brendon Hall made several strong runs and was responsible for a very solid defensive effort. (**Daily Telegraph 1st September 1986**)

...Schubert shocked Wests' supporters when he refused to take two goal shots within kicking range from penalties in the first half. Wests led only once in the game – 6-5 in the second half after being down 5-0 just before half-time. Easts' players and officials disputed the disallowing of what seemed a fair try for winger Wayne Challis in the second half. Referee Phil Cooley signalled that Challis was tackled short of the line. (**Daily Mirror 1st September 1986**)

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Notes: Wilfred Williams was pulled from the field for giving away a stupid penalty, which turned out to be the match-winner for Easts. Ian Schubert, Gerry Byron and Brett Clark left immediately to play in England and Wests itself was moving to Orana Park, Campbelltown in the following season. Wests passed on the wooden spoon to Illawarra, finishing equal 11th with Canberra.