



# 1987 Round 4 Saturday 21st March Belmore Sports Ground



## Canterbury 26

Michael POTTER  
Sandy CAMPBELL  
Michael HAGAN  
Chris MORTIMER  
Andrew FARRAR  
Terry LAMB  
Steve MORTIMER (c)  
Paul LANGMACK  
Steve FOLKES  
Paul DUNN  
Peter TUNKS  
Mark BUGDEN  
Peter KELLY

def.

## Western Suburbs 16

Rod PETHYBRIDGE  
Steve McCOY  
Brett GALE  
Ian NADEN  
John ALLANSON  
Brett DAVIS  
Trevor COGGER (c)  
Allen GEELAN  
John BILBIJA  
Scott TRONC  
Ian FREEMAN  
Alan FALLAH  
Craig ELLIS  
Wayne LAMBKIN  
Garry WEBSTER  
Phillip DUKE  
Paul SHEAHAN



**Tries** Terry LAMB (4)

Steve McCOY  
Alan FALLAH  
John ALLANSON

**Goals** Terry LAMB (5)

Brett DAVIS (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: R Pethybridge; three-quarters: S McCoy, B Gale, I Naden, J Allanson; five-eighth: B Davis; half: T Cogger (c); forwards: A Geelan, S Tronc, J Bilbija, I Freeman, A Fallah, C Ellis

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: M Potter; three-quarters: S Campbell, C Mortimer, M Hagan, A Farrar; five-eighth: T Lamb; half: S Mortimer (c); forwards: P Langmack, S Folkles, P Dunn, P Kelly, M Bugden, P Tunks **Referee: W Harrigan (Rugby League Week 25th March 1987)**

Even Canterbury's scoring whizz wasn't immune to criticism after the Bulldogs had disposed of Wests to lay claim to favouritism for this season's Winfield Cup premiership. Bulldogs' coach Warren Ryan wasn't entirely happy with Lamb's 26-point performance because he missed four vital tackles in beating Wests 26-6 at the Belmore Sports Ground on Saturday night. "We've got to improve a hell of a lot on that performance," Ryan said. "There were more than 30 mistakes – missed tackles, dropped balls and penalties – in the match. That's far too many – our aim is to get them down to around a dozen a match." Wests' hooker Alan Fallah's scoring of a first half try from dummy half was another incident which did not impress Ryan. Wests' coach Steve Ghosn viewed the game differently to Ryan. "If we'd played anyone else but Canterbury tonight, we'd have won," Ghosn said. "Early in the game, Canterbury was white-hot. No side would beat them on that form." At one stage of the first half, Canterbury led 18-4. But in the second half, when Wests elected to move the ball wider, the results were far more rewarding. Besides Lamb. The awesome Canterbury forward pack took the spotlight. The Bulldogs' forwards totally dominated the early exchanges, with props Peter Kelly and Peter Tunks spearheading the assault in the best tradition. Lamb scored three of his tries in the first half and, on all four occasions, his tenacity to back up a break was evident. His first try came after captain Steve Mortimer served up the pass which put Kelly through a gap before finding Lamb in support. Lamb's next two tries came in quick succession – scored in the 25th and 28th minutes off the lead-up work of Tunks and hooker Mark Bugden, then Mortimer, lock Paul Langmack and Tunks. Fullback Mick Potter handled twice in a run-round with winger Sandy Campbell before Lamb scored his fourth try for Canterbury to hold a commanding 24-10 advantage, 11 minutes into the second half. Neither Ryan nor Mortimer showed any sign in the dressing room of their feud, which recently resulted in Mortimer seeking a release from the club, but the two kept themselves apart. Winger John Allanson, five-eighth Brett Davis and second-rower John Bilbija were Wests' best players. ....

Canterbury five-eighth Terry Lamb was a confused man after scoring a club record of all 26 points against Wests. Lamb said he thought his previous best was 22 points against North Sydney last year. But a check of the records revealed Lamb scored only 16 points in that game....  
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**Notes:** Wests put in another courageous effort but were outclassed in the end by a very high-class Canterbury side. Terry Lamb scored all of their 26 points, a record. John Allanson, in his second game, was dynamic on the wing, backed up by another powerhouse display by John Bilbija in the forwards. Scott Tronc was subbed off with concussion, after also being powerful up front.