



# 1984 Round 8 Wednesday 25th April Sports Ground



## Eastern Suburbs 54

def.

## Western Suburbs 6

Mike EDEN  
 David GREENE  
 Shane McKELLAR  
 Mark BEAVEN  
 John FERGUSON  
 Scott GALE  
 Kevin HASTINGS  
 John TOBIN  
 Steve HARDY  
 John MACKAY  
 Tom ARBER  
 Rowland BECKETT (c)  
 Seamus O'CONNELL  
 Tim BARNES  
 Paul DUNN  
 Gavin MILLER

**Fullback**  
**Wing**  
**Centre**  
**Centre**  
**Wing**  
**Five-eighth**  
**Half**  
**Lock**  
**Second Row**  
**Second Row**  
**Front Row**  
**Hooker**  
**Front Row**  
**Replacement**  
**Replacement**  
**Replacement**  
**Replacement**

Wayne SMITH (c)  
 Steve BROUGHTON  
 Brett DAVIDSON  
 Gerald CELARC  
 Mick PINKERTON  
 Trevor COGGER  
 John McARTHUR  
 Mark HARRIGAN  
 Greg McELHONE  
 Allen GEELAN  
 John COVENEY  
 Pat ENGLISH  
 Garry WEBSTER  
 Craig MADSEN  
 Paul GEARIN  
 John COGGER  
 Greg COX



**Tries** John FERGUSON (3)  
 John TOBIN  
 Shane McKELLAR  
 Kevin HASTINGS  
 Scott GALE  
 Mike EDEN  
 Mark BEAVEN

Trevor COGGER

**Goals** Mike EDEN (9)

John McARTHUR (1)

### Match Description

**South Sydney:** Full-back: M Eden; three-quarters: D Greene, S McKellar, M Beaven, J Ferguson; five-eighth: S Gale; half: K Hastings; forwards: J Tobin, S Hardy, J Mackay, T Arber, R Beckett (c), S O'Connell

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Smith (c); three-quarters: S Broughton, B Davidson, G Celarc, M Pinkerton; five-eighth: T Cogger; half: J McArthur; forwards: M Harrigan, G McElhone, A Geelan, J Coveney, P English, G Webster **Referee: M Stone (The Daily Mirror 26th April 1984)**

"It might be Anzac Day, but that is no need to play as if you are shell-shocked," Ken Gentle, the Western Suburbs first grade Rugby League coach, told his players yesterday. ... After last weekend's win against Illawarra, Gentle was expecting another courageous performance from his young team. Instead, in the first 40 minutes, Wests' morale was blown apart as Easts repeatedly invaded the opposition territory to lead 30-0. So, during the break, Gentle decided to do the obvious and appealed to their fighting spirit in an endeavour to improve their performance. It worked to an extent. Wests started the second half well, with five-eighth Trevor Cogger scoring a clever try, but then Easts' onslaught started again. The final score of 54-6 indicates how destructive it was. For any Wests' supporter the game was a saddening affair. It glaringly showed how buying of their best players by other clubs had drastically stripped the Magpies of so much of their strength. The enthusiastic Wests, to their credit, tried desperately and never shirked their task, but they were no match for an opposition that had vast experience, power and killer instinct. It was basically a mis-match. ... And to deepen the gloom, the Magpies sustained a big injury toll. In the space of only four minutes in the first half, Wests had to replace three players, centre Gerard Celarc injured a shoulder, second-rower Allen Geelan had a suspected broken hand, and full-back and captain Wayne Smith was concussed. On a more positive note, Easts again showed success breeds success. Only two weeks ago the Roosters were in the middle of a five-game losing streak and were playing as if they were strangers. They looked so much more confident and coordinated yesterday. They were forever backing up, and their attack, based mainly around five-eighth Scott Gale, half-back Kevin Hastings and winger John Ferguson, was continually creative. Ferguson, in particular, had a great game. He scored three tries and did enormous work in midfield. **(Sydney Morning Herald 26th April 1984)**

**Notes:** This game highlighted the problems that had been caused to Wests by the NSWRL's effort to throw Wests out of the comp. Former Wests' players, David Greene, Mark Beaven, Scott Gale and Tom Arber cut Wests to pieces. It also didn't help that Wests lost 3 players to injuries in the space of four minutes in the first half, including Wayne Smith being knocked out for a long period. John Coveney was forced to battle on with injured knee ligaments.