



# 1991 Round 1 Saturday 16th March Seagulls Oval



## Western Suburbs 20

def.

## Gold Coast 14

Shaun DEVINE  
 Tony COSATTO  
 Russell WYER  
 Jamie AINSCOUGH  
 Stephen BURNS  
 Jim DYMOCK  
 Jason TAYLOR  
 Bob LINDNER (c)  
 Jason LIDDEN  
 Cameron BLAIR  
 Steve JACKSON  
 Joe THOMAS  
 Tony RAMPLING  
 Darren BRITT  
 Doug RAWLINGS  
 Gary BUKOWSKI

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

Danny PEACOCK  
 Clinton MOHR  
 Brett HORSNELL  
 Brett ROLLS  
 Brett FRENCH  
 Wally LEWIS (c)  
 Paul SHAW  
 Robert SIMPKINS  
 Chris CLOSE  
 Keith GEE  
 David CHAPMAN  
 Ray HERRING  
 Phil DALEY  
 Wayne BARTRIM  
 Greg WHITBREAD  
 Danny SHARPE  
 Michael SEARLE

**Tries** Jim DYMOCK (2)  
 Jason TAYLOR  
 Jamie AINSCOUGH

Ray HERRING  
 Wayne BARTRIM

**Goals** Jason TAYLOR (2)

Brett ROLLS (3)

### Match Description

**Brisbane:** Full-back: D Peacock; three-quarters: C Mohr, B Horsnell, B Rolls, B French; five-eighth: W Lewis (c); half: P Shaw; forwards: R Simpkins, C Close, K Gee, D Chapman, R Herring, P Daley

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: S Devine; three-quarters: T Cosatto, R Wyer, J Ainscough, S Burns; five-eighth: J Dymock; half: J Taylor; forwards: B Lindner (c), C Blair, J Lidden, S Jackson, J Thomas, T Rampling **Referee: C Ward (Big League 20th March 1990)**

A severely undermanned Western Suburbs put up a courageous fight to beat the Gold Coast Seagulls 20-14 at Seagulls Stadium last night. Wests, without Canterbury imports David Gillespie, Paul Langmack, Andrew Farrar and Tony Simonds, had too much for the Gold Coast in the second-half rampage. But the Seagulls should not be disheartened by the performance in which they fought until the end. The Gold Coast held an 8-6 lead at half-time but Wests finished over the top with three tries in the final 40 minutes. The game went down to the wire with an inspiring final 10 minutes from the Gold Coast which almost resulted in a touchdown. Despite the loss, the tremendous form of skipper Wally Lewis must be of some solace for the Seagulls. Lewis was in everything throughout the match in a vintage display. The former Australian skipper put up a big-hearted effort, leading from the front. Perhaps the Seagulls' major downfall was the pushing of the last pass, which brought them undone in several promising raids. Wests made sure they capitalised on every Gold Coast mistake. Australian lock Bob Lindner was superb as Wests' skipper, and halves Jim Dymock and Jason Taylor also had top games. It was Taylor's smart thinking that lifted Wests to victory when he dribbled the ball from the scrum-base and darted through to score. Lewis argued the point with referee Chris Ward for several minutes but his protest was to no avail. It was Lewis, however, who got the Gold Coast in the match, figuring in both Seagulls' tries. The Gold Coast questioned all three Wests' tries, claiming the first came after a player was off-side and the second from a forward pass. Lewis was particularly irate about the final try when Taylor kicked through from the scrum-base. Lewis said there were two balls on the field at the time and the referee had been told so by the in-goal touch judge after the try. "Even the players were screaming it out before the scrum was packed," Lewis said. The only casualties were Gold Coast forward Chris Close, who has a bruised hip, and Wests' hooker Joe Thomas, who was concussed. Wests' coach Warren Ryan said the win was not the most spectacular. "We did enough to win but we also did enough to almost give them the game. We played very well in the first 20 minutes but leading into half-time we suffered from a bit of ball suffocation. Once we lost Joe Thomas, we also suffered a bit, mainly with our organisation. I think our best players were Jim Dymock and Jason Taylor." (**The Sun-Herald 17th March 1991**)

**Notes:** Wests fielded a new look team after an off-season of heavy buying, but it was still under-strength due to injuries to Ivan Henjak and Canterbury imports, Paul Langmack, David Gillespie and Andrew Farrar. Stephens Burns (Illawarra) made his debut on the wing. Wally Lewis disputed three of Wests' four tries, particularly Taylor's try from a chip-kick (a second ball was in the in-goal). Jason Taylor was named player of the match but Jim Dymock made a stellar debut at five-eighth. Wally Lewis and Joe Thomas stood toe-to-toe in a fight where there was no winner.