



# 1996 Round 10 Saturday 1st June WACA Ground Perth



## Western Suburbs 22

def.

## Western Reds 8

Ken McGUINNESS  
 Darren WILLIS  
 Andrew LEEDS  
 Brandon PEARSON  
 Aseri LAING  
 Andrew WILLIS  
 Craig COLEMAN  
 Steve GEORGALLIS  
 Paul LANGMACK (c)  
 Bill DUNN  
 John SKANDALIS  
 Ciriaco MESCIA  
 Darren CAPOVILLA  
 Chad HARRIS  
 Justin DOOLEY  
 Kevin McGUINNESS  
 Darren BURNS

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

Greg FLEMING  
 Chris RYAN  
 Jason EADE  
 Barrie-Jon MATHER  
 Paul EVANS  
 Matthew RODWELL (c)  
 Luke GOODWIN  
 Dale FRITZ  
 Darren HIGGINS  
 Peter SHIELS  
 Rodney HOWE  
 Matthew FULLER  
 Robbie KEARNS  
 Tahi REIHANA  
 Jeff DOYLE  
 Wayne EVANS  
 Damien CHAPMAN

**Tries** Kevin McGUINNESS (2)  
 Darren WILLIS  
 Paul LANGMACK

**Goals** Andrew WILLIS (3) Luke GOODWIN (3)  
 Damien CHAPMAN (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: Ken McGuinness; three-quarters: D Willis, A Leeds, B Pearson, A Lang; five-eighth: A Willis; half: C Coleman; forwards: S Georgallis, P Langmack (c), B Dunn, J Skandalis, C Mescia, D Capovilla

**Western Reds:** Full-back: G Fleming; three-quarters: C Ryan, J Eade, B-Jon Mather, P Evans; five-eighth: M Rodwell; half: L Goodwin; forwards: D Fritz, D Higgins, P Shiels, R Howe, M Fuller, R Kearns **Referee: N Almond (Big League 1st June 1996)**

Western Suburbs overcame a gallant but sloppy Western Reds outfit to post a slogging 22-8 victory at the WACA last night. Exciting centre Kevin McGuinness bagged two tries for the Magpies and was outstanding throughout. Veteran Paul Langmack also had a strong game for Wests, scoring one try and having a hand in most of the Magpies' best attacking moves. **(The Sunday Telegraph 2nd June 1996)**

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A secret switch by coach Raudonikis proved a winner against the Western Reds on Saturday night. Raudonikis decided to bring specialist fullback Andrew Leeds back from injury in the centres, retaining the informed Ken McGuinness at fullback. Leeds came back from six weeks absence with a strong performance, while McGuinness was again all class at full back. The Magpies could persist with the positional switch in coming weeks, but won't be giving anything away. Coming games against South Sydney and the Gold Coast Chargers in the next two rounds have given the Magpies an excellent chance to consolidate their spot in the top eight. The Magpies can't afford to take either side lightly, but have the ability to win both games. Those four points would give the club a great platform for a late charge into the finals. Rookie prop John Skandalis gave another standout performance against the Reds. Following up his memorable debut against Penrith a fortnight ago, Skandalis was again prominent. Reserve forward Darren Burns also added plenty of thrust to the team when he was thrown into the fray by Raudonikis. Both players will figure prominently in the crunch games that are ahead. McGuinness bounced back to form with a two-try performance on the wing against the Reds. The display was a timely confidence boost for the younger McGuinness brother who started the year in great form before dropping a notch. He is arguably the Magpies' key attacker. **(Big League 5th June 1996)**

**Notes:** This was a slogging win which featured lots of dropped ball. Wests were able to get on top with an intercept 60m try by Kevin McGuinness and a second try to him from a dropped pass. Andrew Leeds came back in the centres, with the in-form Ken McGuinness retaining his spot at full-back. Darren Burns was powerful when he came on as a replacement and Paul Langmack had another scheming, strong performance.