



1985 Round 10 Sunday 12th May Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 24

def.

South Sydney 16

John McARTHUR
 Greg DUVAL
 Brett GALE
 Wayne WIGHAM
 Chris STEPHANDELLIS
 Trevor COGGER
 Michael NEIL
 Dave STAFFORD
 Ian SCHUBERT
 Craig CLARKE
 Terry LEABEATER (c)
 Alan FALLAH
 Bruce CLARK
 Craig MADSEN

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

Michael POBJIE
 Ross HARRINGTON
 Darren McCARTHY
 Mark ROSS
 Brett ROSS
 Neil BAKER
 Craig COLEMAN
 Michael ANDREWS
 David BOYLE (c)
 Tony RAMPLING
 Royce AYLIFFE
 Mario FENECH
 Paul AKKARY



Tries

John McARTHUR
 Trevor COGGER
 Alan FALLAH
 Craig CLARKE

Brett ROSS
 Craig COLEMAN
 Michael ANDREWS

Goals

Chris STEPHANDELLIS (4)

Neil BAKER (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J McArthur; three-quarters: G Duval, W Wigham, B Gale, C Stephandellis; five-eighth: T Cogger; half: M Neil; forwards: D Stafford, C Clarke, I Schubert, T Leabeater (c), A Fallah, B Clark

South Sydney: Full-back: M Pobjie; three-quarters: R Harrington, D McCarthy, M Ross, B Ross; five-eighth: N Baker; half: C Coleman; forwards: M Andrews, D Boyle (c), T Rampling, R Ayliffe, M Fenech, P Akkary **Referee: B Barnes (The Daily Mirror 13th May 1985)**

West's coach Ken Gentle will not rush English import Lee Crooks into first grade following the Magpies' 24-16 win over a poor South Sydney at Pratten Park yesterday. Crooks starred for Wests in the Under 23s 16-6 win, but will have to bide his time in the lower grades as Gentle seems to have found the right combination for the Magpies. Gentle brought three players back into first grade yesterday after injury and all had a hand in the win. The 'big trio' were centre Wayne Wigham, winger Greg Duval and second-rower Craig Clarke who scored the try that sealed the game late in the second half. Wests' victory was made all the easier when the Magpies held Souths to 8-8 at the break despite running into a strong Southerly buster. And with Wests' hooker and man of the match Alan Fallah, who clearly outplayed his more notable rival Mario Fenech, winning all the important scrums, the Magpies' job was that much easier. Another telling factor in the victory was Wests' five-eighth Trevor Cogger bottling up Neil Baker and spoiling his kicking game. Duval and Wigham were prominent in the first half, with Duval setting up Wests first try to fullback John McArthur after only eight minutes. Souths started the game in smart style and after only four minutes play were ahead 2-0 when Baker landed a magnificent 35m penalty kick, but Wests took the lead soon after with McArthur's try. Souths stormed back when prop Paul Akkary slipped a good pass to half Craig Coleman who scooted over under the posts. South Sydney led 8-4 and were looking good but suddenly the wheels fell off. Seven minutes from the break, Fallah took off from a ruck, ran across field, threw two dummies to the Souths' defence then ran 22m to score wide out. On the resumption, the Magpies took full advantage of the strong wind, kicking deep into Souths' quarter and after four minutes were rewarded with a six-pointer to Cogger and Wests led 14-8. Souths hit back late in the match to make it 16-12 but then came Clarke's try to clinch the Magpies' second win this season. In a disappointing Souths' side, their best player was captain and second-rower David Boyle who defended stoutly and made some strong runs. **(Daily Mirror 13th May 1985)**

.... Fallah, who played a starring role in his team's four tries to three victory, said one of Wests' major aims this season was to finish ahead of the Rabbitohs on the competition table. "The League wants to get rid of us so we are determined to beat home one of the established clubs such as Souths," the former Country rake said. "We wanted to win badly today to prove our worth and we did it." ... **(Daily Telegraph 13th May 1985)**

Notes: Using the second-half wind to advantage, Wests stormed home for a convincing win on their first return to Pratten Park since 1977. Wayne Wigham, Craig Clarke and Greg Duval all returned from injury and all played very well, but it was Alan Fallah who was the star, scoring a brilliant dummying individual try.