

## 1994 Round 10 Sunday 15th May QE11 Stadium

## Brisbane 40 def. Western Suburbs 10

Julian O'NEILL **Fullback Andrew LEEDS** Wendall SAILOR Wing Paul SMITH **Chris JOHNS** Manoa THOMPSON Centre Steve RENOUF Centre **Darren WILLIS** Michael HANCOCK Wing Damien McGARRY **Kevin WALTERS** Five-eighth Steve GEORGALLIS Allan LANGER (c) Half Josh WHITE Terry MATTERSON Lock Paul LANGMACK (c) **Brett GALEA** Second Row Stephen KEARNEY Mark HOHN Second Row Bill DUNN **Andrew GEE** Front Row Glenn GRIEF

Kerrod WALTERS Hooker Jim SERDARIS Glenn LAZARUS Front Row **Neil TIERNEY** Peter RYAN Replacement Mark AFFLICK John PLATH Replacement Ken McGUINNESS Replacement **Brent STUART** Replacement **Brandon PEARSON** 

Jim SERDARIS (2)

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Allan LANGER (2) Wendall SAILOR (2)

Michael HANCOCK John PLATH Steve RENOUF Kevin WALTERS

Goals Terry MATTERSON (4) Brandon PEARSON (1)

## **Match Description**

Tries

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, M Thompson, D Willis, D McGarry; five-eighth: S Georgallis; half: J White; forwards: P Langmack (c), W Dunn, S Kearney, G Grief, J Serdaris, N Tierney

**Brisbane:** Full-back: J O'Neill; three-quarters: M Hancock, S Renouf, C Johns, W Sailor; five-eighth: K Walters half: A Langer (c); forwards: T Matterson, B Galea, M Hohn, A Gee, K Walters, G Lazarus **Referee:** M Lewis (Daily Telegraph 16th May 1994)

Rival coaches Wayne Bennett and Warren Ryan urged the QLD selectors to cement Kevin Walters selection as five-eighth for the full State of Origin series after the Brisbane Broncos 40 to 10 win against Western Suburbs yesterday. Sidelined for most of the past seven weeks with an ankle injury, Walters showed he was back in form with a neat try after only three minutes and, more importantly, a silver service to the flying three-quarters outside him. The Maroons selectors are known to have canvassed other options for the pivot role recently and both coaches challenged them to name Walters in their Origin team today. "I wouldn't go into one of those games without him," Bennett said. "It's ironic he's been in and out of Queensland teams in the past when the Australian coach is always glad to have him. I think they've used him poorly, but if they showed their confidence in him, he will return it with interest." ... Allan Langer and Steve Renouf weaved their own brands of magic, Michael Hancock and Julian O'Neill ran freely, while workhorses Mark Hohn and Andrew Gee dug into the traces from the first tackle. Winger Wendell Sailor also gave Bennett the sort of headache he loves to have at this time of the year when representative demands are denting his lineup. A replacement player for Paul Hauff, Renouf and Willie Carne this season, Sailor strengthened his grip on a permanent starting spot with another outstanding game and two tries. The first, after 30 minutes, came when the Broncos led only four-nil and was struggling to shake off a determined Magpies' effort. Hemmed in on the sideline, Sailor created space with a step and a jink to dive over for a valuable try. Two minutes after half time and seconds after Wests' fullback Andrew Leeds had almost scored, Sailor went infield looking to help take the play back upfield. Roaring onto a pass, he burst through two tackles and left the defence standing to race 95 metres and score under the posts in a carbon copy of Ken Nagas' try for Canberra on Saturday. ... NSW Origin hopeful, hooker Jim Sedaris, had another outstanding 80 minutes for the Magpies, running and tackling strongly. Young half Josh White stretched the Bronco defence with his pace several times while Stephen Carney, Glenn Grief and Bill Dunn worked hard up front. "I thought we toiled away pretty well but class tells," Ryan said. "The Broncos ooze it." They know how to put on some great tries and how to punish you when you make a mistake." Ryan was disappointed but not surprised Sedaris didn't win a NSW jumper. "I thought it would be pretty much the familiar faces, he said but don't worry, Jim will play for his state eventually." (Sydney Morning Herald 16th May 1994)

**Notes:** Jim Serdaris again staked his claims for NSW selection with an outstanding display of attack and defence and was part of a very hardworking pack. Josh White, at half, showed some potential with a great display of pace but the class of Brisbane took them on to a convincing win

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