



1998 Round 10 Sunday 17th May Campbelltown Stadium



Western Suburbs 24

def.

Gold Coast 14

Andrew LEEDS
 Jared MILLS
 Kevin McGUINNESS
 Ken McGUINNESS
 Brett HODGSON
 Scott COXON
 Leo DYNEVOR
 Paul LANGMACK (c)
 Aseri LAING
 Damian KENNEDY
 Harvey HOWARD
 Ciriaco MESCIA
 Darren FRITZ
 Chris YATES
 Darren WILLIS
 Lincoln RAUDONIKIS
 John SKANDALIS

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

Andrew KING
 Jason HUDSON
 Jason NICOL
 Graham MACKAY (c)
 Shane RUSSELL
 David MYLES
 Craig TEEVAN
 Scott SATTLER
 Heath CRUKSHANK
 Danny McALLISTER
 Damien DRISCOLL
 Jamie GODDARD
 Clinton O'BRIEN
 Chris NAHL
 Wes PATTEN
 Richie ALLAN
 Steve PARSONS

Tries
 Andrew LEEDS
 Leo DYNEVOR
 Scott COXON
 Damian KENNEDY

Danny McALLISTER
 Graham MACKAY

Goals
 Andrew LEEDS (2)
 Leo DYNEVOR (2)

Graham MACKAY (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: J Mills, Kevin McGuinness, Ken McGuinness, B Hodgson; five-eighth: S Coxon; half: L Dynevor; forwards: P Langmack (c), D Kennedy, A Liang, H Howard, C Mescia, D Fritz

Gold Coast: Full-back: A King; three-quarters: J Hudson, G Mackay (c), J Nicol, S Russell; five-eighth: D Myles; half: C Teevan; forwards: S Sattler, H Cruickshank, D McAllister, C O'Brien, J Goddard, D Driscoll **Referee: M Jadwat (Big League 17th May 1998)**

Size does matter- just ask Wests, who welcomed back there big "go forward" man Harvey Howard at Campbelltown yesterday. It was no coincidence the Magpies won their first match in seven weeks with the powerful Englishman on board. His metre-eating surges, in tandem with another giant, Darren Fritz, gave the Magpies plenty of impetus and resulted in a hard-earned 24-14 victory over the unpredictable Gold Coast. Howard broke a bone in his ankle during the off-season and had surgery. Yesterday was his first run of the season and what he lacked in condition, he more than compensated for with determination. The Magpie faithful loved having him back and the players were similarly excited. "Last year when Harvey got suspended for four weeks, we didn't win a game," said skipper Paul Langmack. "When he came back, we went well again and won I don't know how many games. He is just so important for us and now we've got Darren Fritz and Brenton Pomeroy to come back, we're going to have some big boys up in the front row. We can't win games without them and that goes for any year of football." Howard pulled up well and said he was looking forward to his partnership with Fritz and Pomeroy. "We're going to be basically running over the top of bodies," Howard said. "We're going to be quite a handful in the weeks ahead." Yesterday's win saw the Magpies fly clear of the competition cellar but had to work hard for the precious competition points. Tom Raudonikis' men led 10-6 at halftime but lost the momentum for long enough for the Chargers to get their noses in front at 14-12. Man of the match Damian Kennedy gave Wests the lead again with the 64th minute try before industrious half back Leo Dynevor wrapped it up with the Magpies' fourth try with three minutes to go. It was an interesting, but at times bizarre, game, thanks to some puzzling rulings by young referee Moghseen Jadwat. **(The Daily Telegraph 18th May 1998)**

Notes: The return of Harvey Howard after a long absence from ankle surgery made a huge difference, with his runs, along with the other big forward Darren Fritz, creating havoc in the middle of the rucks. Paul Langmack and Andrew Leeds were also back in their natural positions at lock and fullback which emphasised how badly they had been missed. Damian Kennedy was clearly Wests' best in a much-needed win.