



1989 Round 10 Sunday 21st May Sydney Football Stadium



Eastern Suburbs 12

def.

Western Suburbs 10

Joe LYDON
Sandy CAMPBELL
Michael COOK
Kurt SHERLOCK
Martin OFFIAH
Tony MELROSE
Steve GEORGALLIS
Hugh McGAHAN
Bill DART
Steve HARDY
Pat JARVIS
David TREWHELLA (c)
Danny SHEPHERD
Laurie SPINA

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

Brett DOCHERTY
Wayne SIMONDS
Jason STAFFORD
Allen GEELAN
Graham MACKAY
Ellery HANLEY
Trevor COGGER
Brendon TUUTA
Cameron BLAIR (c)
Dave GALLAGHER
Craig TEITZEL
Shane FLANAGAN
Kelvin SKERRETT
Chris BLAIR
Alan FALLAH
Garry SCHOFIELD
Gary BUKOWSKI



Tries Martin OFFIAH

Garry SCHOFIELD
Graham MACKAY

Goals Joe LYDON (3)
Tony MELROSE (2) Field Goals

Brett DOCHERTY (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: B Docherty; three-quarters: G Mackay, A Geelan, J Stafford, W Simonds; five-eighth: E Hanley; half: T Cogger; forwards: B Tuuta, C Blair (c), D Gallagher, C Teitzel, S Flanagan, K Skerrett

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: J Lydon; three-quarters: H McGahan, W Dart, S Hardy. P Jarvis; five-eighth: T Melrose; half: S Georgallis; forwards: H McGahan, W Dart, S Hardy, P Jarvis, D Trehwella (c), D Shepherd **Referee: W Harrigan (Rugby League Week 24th May 1989)**

East's coach Russell Fairfax was relieved to grab the two competition points but uncomfortable about how they won in yesterday's 12-10 win over Wests. "It was embarrassing how poorly we played," Fairfax said. "They're not coached to play like that. However, we're badly in need of a win and two points is two points. ... Apart from the two competition points, the next two most important points of the match were two field goals from five-eighth Tony Melrose. Melrose's first field goal extended East's 8-4 half-time lead to 9-4 one minute into the second half. His second came in the final three minutes and made East's margin more comfortable. ... For the rest of this bright and often exciting clash it was the Great Britain Test stars on either side who were the spotlight. Wests' Ellery Hanley helped set up his team's first try for winger Graham Mackay and Garry Schofield scored the second. In East's side, it was the evasive Martin Offiah who scored the team's only try and Joe Lydon who kicked three goals – the last six minutes from full-time to regain the lead 11-10. ... Schofield, who only arrived in Australia on Saturday, came on as a second-half replacement. He immediately settled into place, assuming the role that has made him such a star with Great Britain and with Balmain in previous years. "There was a bit of inexperience out there today with Wests," Schofield said. "But that's why we're here – to help show some of the younger players." For Wests' coach John Bailey the result was another near-miss after a 10-8 defeat by competition leaders Brisbane earlier in the season. "We just made too many mistakes," Bailey said. "I tell them time and time again. Today our kicking let us down. It was very, very poor. I did think we had Easts today in the second half." Bailey was entitled to think his side had the game in the bag when the team fought back from 6-0 down (17 mins) to trail 6-4 at half-time and lead 10-9 after Schofield's try in the 63rd minute. A mistake from the otherwise impressive full-back Brett Docherty, who ran behind team-mates and conceded a penalty for a shepherd, sealed the match. With six minutes to go, Joe Lydon calmly potted the penalty goal that put Easts ahead 11-10. ... (**Daily Telegraph 22nd May 1989**)

Notes: Garry Schofield made his second-half debut after arriving from England the previous day. Ellery Hanley moved to five-eighth and was quite influential. Although there was a high mistake rate, it was an entertaining, closely-contested game. It was Wests very ineffective kicking game that eventually proved the difference, as well as Graham Mackay missing all four shots at goal. Kelvin Skerrett finished with a possible broken fibula, while Teitzel, Cameron Blair and Tuuta were the best for Wests.