



1991 Round 10 Sunday 26th May Campbelltown Stadium



Western Suburbs 41

def.

Newcastle 12

Shaun DEVINE
 Stephen BURNS
 Andrew FARRAR
 Jamie AINSCOUGH
 Tony COSATTO
 Jim DYMOCK
 Jason TAYLOR
 Jason LIDDEN
 Graeme WYNN
 Ron GIBBS
 Mark WILLIAMS
 Joe THOMAS (c)
 Darren BRITT
 Ivan HENJAK
 Shane FLANAGAN
 Trevor COGGER
 Shaun O'BRYAN

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

Gary WURTH
 Tony KEMP
 Robbie McCORMACK
 Jeff DOYLE
 John SCHUSTER
 Michael HAGAN (c)
 Steve LINNANE
 Marc GLANVILLE
 Paul HARRAGON
 David BOYD
 Peter JOHNSTON
 Max CHAPMAN
 Dave WOODS
 Adrian BRUNKER
 Glenn MILLER
 Steve FULMER
 Mark SARGENT

Tries

Jim DYMOCK (2)
 Mark WILLIAMS
 Jamie AINSCOUGH
 Trevor COGGER
 Darren BRITT

Marc GLANVILLE
 Max CHAPMAN

Goals

Jason TAYLOR (9) One field goal

John SCHUSTER (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: S Devine; three-quarters: S Burns, A Farrar, J Ainscough, T Cosatto; five-eighth: J Dymock; half: J Taylor; forwards: J Lidden, R Gibbs, G Wynn, M Williams, J Thomas (c), D Britt

Newcastle: Full-back: G Wurth; three-quarters: T Kemp, R McCormack, J Doyle, J Schuster; five-eighth: M Hagan (c); half: S Linnane; forwards: M Glanville, P Harragon, D Boyd, P Johnston, M Chapman, D Woods **Referee: G McCallum (Big League 29th May 1991)**

... Coach Warren Ryan, never a man to lavish praise just to hear his own voice, was unstinting in his appraisal of Taylor. "He has the potential to be the smartest footballer I've ever had anything to do with," Ryan said. "He could be as smart as Ken Wilson when he was a ringmaster with any side he has played with. He's terrific to coach and he's real smart." It was the performance of a maestro who looks destined to join the ranks of great halfbacks Australia has produced. It was also a stunning turnaround by a player who was dropped early in the season after a game against Norths that was as bad as yesterday's was great. Reserve grade is a distant memory for Taylor as his polished play and stunning goal-kicking pave the way for Wests' steady climb up the ladder. Yesterday's haul of 17 points takes Taylor to 83 and top place on the premiership individual point-scoring ladder – pending the completion of the split round next week. For Wests yesterday, it was the passing of two players in rugby league's time tunnel that helped set up the win. There was Taylor, a former Australian Schoolboys team player, all bright-eyed and enthusiastic about his unfolding stardom and there was Graeme Wynn, 31, and close to hearing the full-time siren on a praiseworthy career that included an Australian jumper. Both made exciting contributions yesterday as Wests walloped Newcastle by a margin that made the already lopsided scoreboard seem sympathetic. Wynn got a standing ovation from the crowd of 10,151 as he trudged wearily from the field in the second half as a reward from Ryan for a job well done. Palming off Father Time as stylishly as he did the opposition, Wynn threw himself into the game with abandon, paving the way for a first half try with two long runs. Wests had every reason to be delighted with the win. They went into the match without five top-line forwards, including David Gillespie and Steve Jackson, who are on State of Origin duty, and injured Test lock Bob Lindner, and still managed to wallop Newcastle. ... As well as Wynn and Taylor, prop Darren Britt was standout, so was five-eighth Jim Dymock, who scored two tries and centre Andrew Farrar, who organized the backline. **(Daily Telegraph Mirror 27th May 1991)**

Notes: Wests went to six wins in a row – the first time since 1982 – with a thrashing of Newcastle. Down 6-0 early, Wests sparked into action, Graeme Wynn leading a first-half forward demolition. Mark Williams (ex-Balmain junior) made his debut, scoring a strong try and revelling in the tough stuff, especially in the absence of David Gillespie and Steve Jackson, who were on State of Origin duty. Jim Dymock, a late inclusion, also gave a very dominant display. The real star, however, was half Jason Taylor, whose masterclass emphasised his future superstar status. Even Warren Ryan was prepared to give unqualified praise for his performance.