



1993 Round 10 Sunday 6th June QE11 Stadium



Brisbane 36

Paul HAUFF
 Willie CARNE
 Chris JOHNS
 Julian O'NEILL
 Michael HANCOCK
 Kevin WALTERS
 Allan LANGER (c)
 Terry MATTERSON
 Trevor GILLMEISTER
 Alan CANN
 Mark HOHN
 Kerrod WALTERS
 Glenn LAZARUS
 Peter RYAN
 Steve RENOUF
 John PLATH

def.

Western Suburbs 16

Andrew LEEDS
 Wayne SIMONDS
 Steve GEORGALLIS
 Terry HILL
 Darren WILLIS
 Paul LANGMACK
 Jason TAYLOR
 Jason LIDDEN
 Stephen KEARNEY
 David GILLESPIE (c)
 Kyle WHITE
 Joe THOMAS
 Darren BRITT
 David ANDERSON
 Jason ALCHIN



Tries Chris JOHNS (2)
 Kevin WALTERS (2)
 Michael HANCOCK
 Alan CANN

Jason TAYLOR
 Darren BRITT

Goals Julian O'NEILL (6)

Jason TAYLOR (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: W Simonds, S Georgallis, T Hill, D Willis; five-eighth: P Langmack; half: J Taylor; forwards: J Lidden, D Gillespie (c), S Kearney, K White, J Thomas, D Britt

Brisbane: Full-back: P Hauff; three-quarters: W Carne, C Johns, J O'Neill, M Hancock; five-eighth: K Walters half: A Langer (c); forwards: T Matterson, T Gillmeister, A Cann, M Hohn, K Walters, G Lazarus **Referee: E Ward (Daily Telegraph 7th June 1993)**

The Brisbane Broncos' amazing recovery from a 0-16 deficit to thrash Western Suburbs 36-16 stunned all but two of the 40,733 spectators at ANZ Stadium yesterday. "Worried? No," said taciturn Broncos coach Wayne Bennett later. "I know their capabilities. It was just a matter of waiting for a few things to happen." And Wests' coach Warren Ryan, although disappointed, was just as matter-of-fact. "At 16-0, I thought we were doing nicely," he said. "But you know with the Broncos you're never out of their reach." Behind the coaches' mini-post-mortems lies probably the most bizarre 80 minutes of premierships football to be seen this season. Wests, hardly an outfit with a razzle-dazzle reputation, came out with all guns blazing. Their forwards steam-rolled the Broncos' pack, while the backs, spearheaded by an inspired Jason Taylor, had their international opponents thoroughly rattled. The Magpies jumped to their 16-0 lead after only 19 minutes, thanks mainly to a Taylor try in the third minute and four goals from his unerring boot. ... Brisbane salvaged a converted try by Alan Cann after 25 minutes but territorially and tactically it was all one-way traffic for most of the first 40 minutes. Right on half-time, Wests pulled out a raid that swept half the length and twice the width of the field with the ball going through 12 sets of hands. It was also almost vintage Broncos stuff to which the home side had no answer. Only a marginally forward final pass from tearaway second-rower Stephen Kearney to fullback Andrew Leeds saved a certain six-pointer. Bennett took a calculated gamble at the break when he decided to bench Allan Langer, who was limping with an injured thigh. The re-shuffled backline, with Kevin Walters moving to half and Julian O'Neill to five-eighth, introduced Steve Renouf, returning after five weeks from an Origin injury. ... Wests had bombed two tries either side of the break that would most likely have put them out of reach of their opponents. Instead, the Broncos re-grouped and got back in touch at 12-16 with a bulldozing try to Michael Hancock. That started the avalanche of 30 points in the last 28 minutes. Kevin Walters and Chris Johns each touched down twice. O'Neill kicked five goals straight and the Broncos had bettered their last Lazarus-like revival of 16 points in the last 22 minutes to thwart Illwarra a month ago. ... With his team out of contention and struggling to lift out of the bottom four, Ryan was still encouraged by Wests' effort yesterday. "We did a lot of good things. We just didn't finish some of them with the class or finesse of the Broncos," the Magpie coach said. "It may seem a funny thing to say when your side gets beaten like that, but I thought there were some pluses for us out of it. The Broncos are just a mighty side. They are going to be awfully hard to beat again this year." The Broncos' management will look at the match video today to study the tackle which took out Matterson. **(Sydney Morning Herald 7th June 1993)**

Notes: Wests led 16-0 early on as the forwards steam-rolled the Broncos pack, but numerous handling errors (15) let the Broncos back into the match. They missed two certain tries in the second half because of those errors and a re-shuffled Brisbane team started an avalanche of scoring. Jason Taylor was inspiring in the first 30 minutes.