1993 Round 11 Friday 11th June Olympic Park

St George 20   def.   Western Suburbs 8

St George	Position	Western Suburbs
Michael POTTER	*Fullback*	Andrew LEEDS
Jason DONNELLY	*Wing*	Wayne SIMONDS
Graeme BRADLEY	*Centre*	Steve GEORGALLIS
Mark COYNE (c)	*Centre*	Damien McGARRY
Ian HERRON	*Wing*	Darren WILLIS
Phil BLAKE	*Five-eighth*	Paul LANGMACK
Noel GOLDTHORPE	*Half*	Jason TAYLOR
Brad MACKAY	*Lock*	Terry HILL
Scott GOURLAY	*Second Row*	Stephen KEARNEY
David BARNHILL	*Second Row*	Jason LIDDEN
Jason STEVENS	*Front Row*	David GILLESPIE (c)
Wayne COLLINS	*Hooker*	Jason ALCHIN
Tony PRIDDLE	*Front Row*	Darren BRITT
Neil TIERNEY	*Replacement*	Kyle WHITE
Jeff HARDY	*Replacement*	Mark AFFLICK
Gordon TALLIS	*Replacement*	Matt RYAN
Tony SMITH	*Replacement*	David ANDERSON

	St George	Western Suburbs
Tries	Jason DONNELLY (2)	Damien McGARRY
	Brad MACKAY	
	Scott GOURLAY	
Goals	Ian HERRON (2)	Jason TAYLOR (2)

Match Description

St George: Full-back: M Potter; three-quarters: J Donnelly, G Bradley, M Coyne, I Herron; five-eighth: P Blake; half: N Goldthorpe; forwards: B Mackay, S Gourley, D Barnhill, J Stevens, W Collins, T Priddle

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: W Simonds, D McGarry, S Georgallis, D Willis; five-eighth: P Langmack; half: J Taylor; forwards: T Hill, J Lidden, S Kearney, D Britt, J Alchin, D Gillespie (c)   **Referee: G Annesley**   **(Daily Telegraph 12th June 1993)**

St George overcame a bitter winter's evening and an enthusiastic 12-man Western Suburbs outfit to score a comfortable 20-8 win at Olympic Park last night. The Dragons were always in control, except for a brief flurry by Wests shortly after half-time. It was the first time a premiership league game had been played in Melbourne. The Weather Bureau gave the embattled Australian Rules code an early free kick when pre-match conditions of wild weather reduced the crowd to an unenthusiastic 11,822. … Wests' cause was not made any easier after second-rower Stephen Kearney was sent from the field in the 35th minute for a high tackle on prop Tony Priddle. Slippery conditions marred the game as a spectacle with both coaches insisting on safety-first tactics in the early tackles. St George were first to score when winger Ian Herron kicked a goal in the 10th minute after Wests were penalised for being inside the five metres in defence. Four minutes later, referee Graham Annesley found St George guilty of the same offence and Wests' half Jason Taylor equalised at 2-2. St George scored their first try in the 16th minute when half Noel Goldthorpe threw a cut-out pass to centre Graeme Bradley, who linked with left winger Jason Donnelly. Four minutes later, Donnelly scored again when five-eighth Phil Blake ran from dummy-half, drew a couple of ruck defenders and threw a long ball to the flanker. St George began with Blake, demoting listed pivot Tony Smith before the match. NSW Origin benchman Scott Gourley scored next when he took the first pass off the ruck down the blind side and crashed through Taylor to score. At half-time, St George led by a comfortable 14-2. Wests were briefly back in the game after the break when Damian McGarry scored under the posts. But St George put the result beyond doubt when Wests; winger Wayne Simonds knocked a Dragon pass down and it was scooped up by replacement Gordon Tallis who linked with lock Brad Mackay for a try. Herron converted for 20-8.. … Wests' coach Warren Ryan referred darkly to a couple of non-performers in his team when he said: "St George were a bit solid in areas where we were on the frail side." St George players awarded their man of the match award to Donnelly. Despite Kearney's sending-off, Wests, in the club's first visit to Melbourne in 15 years, did not play a physical game. This delighted Quayle, who said the southern city was still recovering from the infamous Wests-manly match at Fitzroy's Junction Oval in 1978. That game featured running brawls and ignited the infamous Fibro-Silvertail wars of the late 70s and early 80s. … **(Sydney Morning Herald 12th June 1993)**

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Notes: This was the first premiership match played in Melbourne and it was typically freezing conditions. Stephen Kearney was sent off for a high tackle in the 35th minute but Wests were already in trouble at that stage. To their credit they put themselves back into the match with only 12 men but couldn't sustain the effort. Jason Taylor and David Gillespie were Wests' best but coach Ryan was hinting at some sackings to come.