



# 1994 Round 11 Sunday 21st May Campbelltown Stadium



## Western Suburbs 16

drew with

## North Sydney 16

Andrew LEEDS  
 Paul SMITH  
 Damien McGARRY  
 Darren WILLIS  
 Ken McGUINNESS  
 Steve GEORGALLIS  
 Josh WHITE  
 Paul LANGMACK (c)  
 Mark AFFLICK  
 Stephen KEARNEY  
 Glenn GRIEF  
 Jim SERDARIS  
 Neil TIERNEY  
 Manoa THOMPSON  
 Scott HARDY  
 Bill DUNN

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

Matt SEERS  
 Gary EDWARDS  
 David HALL  
 Chris CARUANA  
 Sean HOPPE  
 Greg FLORIMO  
 Jason TAYLOR  
 Craig WILSON  
 David FAIRLEIGH  
 Tony HEARN  
 Mario FENECH  
 Tony REA (c)  
 Gavin JONES  
 George BARTLETT  
 Josh STUART  
 Mark SODEN

**Tries** Paul SMITH  
 Jim SERDARIS  
 Ken McGUINNESS

Chris CARUANA  
 Craig WILSON

**Goals** Andrew LEEDS (2)

Jason TAYLOR (4)

### Match Description

**North Sydney:** Full-back: M Seers; three-quarters: G Edwards, D Hall, C Caruana, S Hoppe; five-eighth: G Florimo; half: J Taylor; forwards: C Wilson, D Fairleigh, T Hearn, M Fenech, T Rea (c), G Jones

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, D McGarry, D Willis, K McGuinness; five-eighth: S Georgallis; half: J White; forwards: P Langmack (c), M Afflick, S Kearney, G Grief, J Serdaris, N Tierney **Referee: T Mander (Big League 21st May 1994)**

North Sydney must love tackling. Otherwise, why would they keep giving the opposition the ball? The Bears did it again yesterday. Turnovers were their weakest point as they struggled to a draw with Western Suburbs at Campbelltown Sports Ground. The Magpies deserved to win rather than share the points 16-all in front of a crowd restricted to diehards. In the end, it was a pass to nobody from Wests' prop Neil Tierney that murdered a looming win with the score at 16-10. Norths' winger Gary Edwards picked up the loose ball and a try to lock Craig Wilson followed. Then it was left to Norths' half Jason Taylor - back on his old home ground - to determine the result with a conversion attempt from out wide. Goal. The fact that Taylor's shot raised the flags didn't surprise his old coach at Wests, Warren Ryan. "I thought he'd kick it. He's kicked plenty before from out there on this ground," Ryan said. From the way the Magpie players were talking, Taylor's name was mentioned so frequently during the team's preparation for this match that it should have been up in lights. He was certainly on screen as Ryan showed his men videos of the recent Norths-Manly match with the accent on pinpointing weaknesses in Taylor's play. Wests pressured the Bears' half and playmaker from the outset, rushing up on him when he received the ball and also covering his runners. It was only late in the game that Taylor was able to make an impact running the ball again against a tiring opposition. There's a popular theory going around that Norths' recent failure to win games is linked to a supposed slip in form by Taylor. But Bears' coach Peter Louis disagrees. "Our problem is we take making too many mistakes," Louis said. "We're giving the opposition the ball too easily and we've been doing it for four weeks. We can't tackle all day and win the game. Even if the opposition don't score tries, we're going to be too tired to do anything ourselves." Norths only ever led in the match through an early penalty goal from Taylor. It soon became obvious the Magpies were having an on-day. It should have finished with a win but it didn't - and that was because of the mismanagement on the Wests players' part. Fullback Andrew Leeds and rookie half Josh White performed well for West as did others, like five-eighth Steve Georgallis and prop Glenn Grief. The Magpies were dealt a cruel blow when playmaker Paul Langmack left the field concussed late in the first half. But hooker Jim Sedaris once again stole the show. If the New South Wales selectors can't hear him banging on the door, they must be deaf. **(The Sun-Herald 22nd May 1994)**

**Notes:** Wests deserved to win this game but a mistake by Neil Tierney led to a Norths' try and a Taylor conversion with five minutes to go. The loss of Paul Langmack (concussion) was a telling factor. Josh White was again impressive but Jim Sedaris was clearly the best player on the ground.