



1995 Round 12 Sunday 11th June Chris Cunningham Field



Western Suburbs 26

def.

Gold Coast 16

Andrew LEEDS
Paul SMITH
Ken McGUINNESS
Paul BELL
Darren WILLIS
Andrew WILLIS
Steve GEORGALLIS
Paul LANGMACK (c)
Mark HORO
Bill DUNN
Kyle WHITE
Ciriaco MESCIA
Glenn GRIEF
Brandon PEARSON
Justin DOOLEY
Damian DRISCOLL

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

Scott WILSON
David BILDON
Rick McGRADY
Danny PEACOCK
Tim PATTERSON
Peter GILL
Craig COLEMAN (c)
Brendan HURST
Brett GILLARD
Colin WARD
Kevin CAMPION
Jamie GODDARD
Dave WOODS
Andrew DUNEMANN
Jeremy SCHLOSS



Tries Ken McGUINNESS (3)
Mark HORO

Tim PATTERSON
Jamie GODDARD
David BILDON

Goals Andrew LEEDS (5)

Brendan HURST (2)

Match Description

Gold Coast: Full-back: S Wilson; three-quarters: D Baidon, R McGrady, D Peacock, T Patterson; five-eighth: P Gill; half: C Coleman (c); forwards: B Hurst, B Gillard, C Ward, K Campion, J Goddard, D Woods

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, P Bell, K McGuinness, D Willis; five-eighth: A Willis; half: S Georgallis; forwards: P Langmack (c), M Horo, B Dunn, K White, C Mescia, G Grief **Referee: P McBlane (Daily Telegraph 12th June 1995)**

Magpies' coach Tommy Raudonikis has finally had enough after yesterday's head high tackle incident that saw his second-rower Bill Dunn carted from Seagulls Stadium on a stretcher. Dunn left the field after being tackled by Seagulls five-eighth Peter Gill in the 11th minute of the game eventually won 26-16 by the Magpies. Dunn took no further part in the game after taking a hit and will not play again until cleared by a brain specialist. Referee Paul McBlane placed Gill on report for the tackle which will now be reviewed on video by the Leagues Mick Stone and Ron Massey. If they decide Gill has a case to answer he will appear before the judiciary later this week. It was a pity such an entertaining game was marred by the controversial tackle but after keeping his powder dry on the high tackle issue for most of the season, coach Raudonikis decided to speak out yesterday. "I said when I came to Wests that it wouldn't be my policy to cite opposition players," he said. "but there have been a number of worrying incidents affecting my players and I've had just about enough. This time I will look at the video of the Dunn incident and if he has been illegally tackled I'll make a complaint to the League." ... Raudonikis did however go back on a promise made earlier in the year. He said he would shave his head if the Magpies won three games on the trot. Yesterday's win was the third straight yet Raudonikis said the players had agreed not to enforce the shaving edict. "I reckon they'll do the trick when we win six in a row and besides, that's another goal for them to achieve," Raudonikis said. "Our ball control wasn't too hot out there today and at times our play in most areas was rusty. But having said that we earned another two competition points and I couldn't be happier." Three tries by exciting prospect Ken McGuinness provided the essential difference between the sides. The rangy centre's third try nine minutes into the second half was breathtaking and might easily have caused the Seagulls to tear up the cards. Taking the ball near halfway McGuinness kicked ahead for a couple of metres then kicked the ball twice with incredible skill and anticipation past fullback Scott Wilson before re gathering to score. ... The Seagulls, inspired by non-stop work from skipper Craig Coleman, charged back to 20-16 and might have won the game with five minutes to go. But on only the second tackle, and with the Magpies defence stretched to the limit, centre Danny Peacock attempted to pass while struggling in a tackle 35 metres out from the Magpie line. The ball was lost and two minutes later Kiwi second-rower Mark Horo charged through three tackles to score the clincher beside the posts. **(The Daily Telegraph Mirror 12th June 1995)**

Notes: The big news of this match was the illegal tackle on Bill Dunn which knocked him out and led to convulsions. Tommy Raudonikis re-thought his idea on whether Wests should cite opposition players. Mark Horo was the man-of-the-match again. Wests seemed on a roll but Paul Langmack again cautioned against over-confidence, especially considering how they let Gold Coast back into the game and their overall lack of ball control. Ken McGuinness was fulfilling his potential, scoring three brilliant tries.