



# 1993 Round 12 Saturday 19th June Campbelltown Stadium



## Western Suburbs 16

def.

## Cronulla-Sutherland 8

Andrew LEEDS  
David ANDERSON  
Damien McGARRY  
Terry HILL  
Darren WILLIS  
Steve GEORGALLIS  
Jason TAYLOR  
Paul LANGMACK (c)  
Stephen KEARNEY  
Jason LIDDEN  
Matt RYAN  
Jason ALCHIN  
Darren BRITT  
Brad HUGHES  
Justin DOOLEY  
Glenn GRIEF  
Scott HARDY

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

Kurt WRIGLEY  
Craig DIMOND  
Troy STONE  
Paul BELL  
Paul EVANS  
Darren HIGGINS  
Mitch HEALEY  
Dave BROUGHTON  
Robbie KEARNS  
Dan STAINS (c)  
Michael PORTER  
Chris QUINN  
Danny LEE  
Chris SLACKSMITH  
Adam RITSON  
Lindsay BROWNE

**Tries** Damien McGARRY  
Stephen KEARNEY  
Steve GEORGALLIS

Paul BELL

**Goals** Jason TAYLOR (2)

Mitch HEALEY (2)

### Match Description

**Cronulla-Sutherland** Full-back: K Wrigley; three-quarters: C Dimond, T Stone, P Bell, P Evans; five-eighth: D Higgins; half: M Healey; forwards: D Broughton, R Kearns, D Stains, M Porter, C Quinn, D Lee

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Anderson, D McGarry, T Hill, D Willis; five-eighth: S Georgallis; half: J Taylor; forwards: P Langmack, S Kearney, J Lidden, M Ryan, J Alchin, D Britt **Referee: T Mander (Big League 19th June 1993)**

Western Suburbs paid a heavy price for their scrappy 16-8 win over Cronulla last night, losing second-rower Jason Lidden and centre Damien McGarry for the season. Lidden smashed his jaw and McGarry broke his leg in the Magpies' three-tries-to-one victory at Campbelltown. Magpie officials will this morning check video of the Lidden incident. Lidden left the field after six minutes with blood streaming from his mouth. X-rays today are expected to confirm McGarry has a cracked fibula. Hard-working prop Darren Britt also suffered shoulder problems. "It certainly was a costly exercise tonight," Magpies' coach Warren Ryan said. The scores were locked at 4-all at half-time before Cronulla hit the front through a smart try to centre Paul Bell in the 42nd minute. But the Magpies hit back with two second-half tries. In the 61st minute, five-eighth Steve Georgallis crossed under the posts after super lead-up work from Jason Taylor and prop Darren Britt. Taylor's conversion from in front gave Wests a 10-8 lead with 18 minutes to go. Then a late try to Kiwi second-rower Stephen Kearney clinched Wests' fourth win of the season. It was a belated birthday present for Kearney who turned 21 last Friday week when sent off against St George in Melbourne. He was later exonerated but was desperate to redeem himself and ignored a recurring shoulder injury to turn in a powerhouse performance. "It was a patchy game, but the important thing is that we won," Ryan said. "There were plenty of mistakes but still our guys deserved plenty of credit for some good defence." The luckless Sharks probably had the better of play, but simply could not capitalise on their chances. Cronulla fullback Kurt Wrigley crossed in the 15th minute but was held up by desperate Magpie defence. "We did some dumb things," Cronulla coach Arthur Beetson said. "we had our chances but couldn't get across their line. It was cruel. Overall, I thought we were probably the better side. We should have been well ahead by half-time. We have no major injuries, just a few broken hearts." A meagre crowd of just over 5000 roared their disapproval at the match's incredibly high error rate. Both sides were guilty of coughing up possession and missing plenty of tackles. Wests were best served by Kearney and fullback Andrew Leeds while halfback Mitch Healey and hooker Chris Quinn stood out for the Sharks. Wests' skipper Paul Langmack was replaced in the 57th minute after an indifferent display. **(Sunday Telegraph 20th June 1993)**

**Notes:** This was a scrappy, mistake-ridden game with a very large number of dropped balls. The game was significant for Wests with season-ending injuries to Jason Lidden (jaw) and Damien McGarry (broken leg). The mistakes were blamed on the turnover of players because of injuries and numerous blood-bin visits. Stephen Kearney, Andrew Leeds and Darren Britt were best for Wests.

