

## 1994 Round 13 Sunday 19th June Parramatta Stadium

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## Parramatta 30

Scott MAHON Lee OUDENRYN Michael BUETTNER **Robert MUCHMORE Brett PLOWMAN** Keith BLACKETT Stu GALBRAITH Michael SPEECHLEY Chris KING John FEARNLEY Paul CLARKE Peter McPHAIL Paul DUNN (c) Garen CASEY Mark HORO David WOODS

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

Andrew LEEDS Paul SMITH Damien McGARRY Ken McGUINNESS Darren WILLIS Steve GEORGALLIS Josh WHITE Paul LANGMACK Stephen KEARNEY Mark AFFLICK Glenn GRIEF Jim SERDARIS (c) Brent STUART Scott HARDY

Darrien DOHERTY

Western Suburbs 24





Paul SMITH (2) Jim SERDARIS Stephen KEARNEY

Goals

Tries

Lee OUDENRYN (5)

Garen CASEY (2)

David WOODS

Lee OUDENRYN

Chris KING

Andrew LEEDS (4)

## **Match Description**

Parramatta: Full-back: S Mahon; three-quarters: L Oudenryn, M Buettner, R Muchmore, B Plowman; five-eighth: K Blackett; half: S Galbraith; forwards: M Speechley, C King, J Fearnley, P Clarke, P McPhail, P Dunn (c)

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, D McGarry, K McGuinness, D Willis; five-eighth: S Georgallis; half: J White; forwards: P Langmack, S Kearney, M Afflick, G Grief, J Serdaris (c), B Stuart Referee: M Lewis (Daily Telegraph 20th June 1994)

Inspired by a player more celebrated for his sprinting than his football, Parramatta recovered from a start as incompetent as anything in memory to defeat Western Suburbs 30-24 at Parramatta Stadium yesterday. The win lifted the club from the bottom of the premiership table and was received delightedly by easy-to-please supporters, but not before they had their heads in their hands after three and a half minutes when Parramatta trailed 10 to nil. It was the start from hell and it was triggered, ironically, by the man of the match, winger Lee Oudenryn whose kick-off sailed over the touch line on the full. 30 seconds later, a Wests' player was not so much as tipped, while half back Josh White set up a try for second rower Steve Kearney. Only two minutes later, winger Paul Smith scored another softie from a scrum-base move. ... Once Parramatta controlled the ball, the way back was more a back-alley shortcut than a long, treacherous road. ... By the 26th minute, Parramatta were in front through tries to replacement Garen Casey and Oudenryn, and were not headed again despite the odd flutter. Oudenryn's contribution was remarkable because it was, in all respects, substantial rather than flashy. ... His try saving tackle on Wests' centre Ken McGuinness midway through the second half was the highlight of the match, not because its execution was classical but because of the ground he covered to make it. He sizzled across from the opposite wing to disrupt McGuinness' grounding of the ball and sufficiently confused the match officials into deciding upon a no-try ruling. .. It was a match flawed in so many ways, but produced nine tries, some of them spectacular, and none better than Oudenryn's, which was the product of fine support play and a magnificent spiralling pass from Clark that would have pleased Ricky Stuart. ... Hilditch said he was relieved to escape last place and that, aside from a poor four-match period, the side had performed respectably. ... Wests' coach Warren Ryan lamented poor handling and other mistakes that offered Parramatta ample attacking chances. "If you keep making mistakes, if you give any side a surface of ball - it doesn't matter who they are - you will pay a price," Ryan said. Wests' new captain and the side's best player yesterday, hooker Jim Serdaris, used his new authority to approach referee Mick Lewis early in the second half to complain about Parramatta's playing of the ball. Wests believed their opponents, despite a recent crackdown on the practise, were being allowed to play the ball before standing upright, and Wests, as a result, were struggling to be on side. Ryan said former captain Paul Langmack had stepped down because he felt he was becoming "too much the traffic cop and wanted to roll the sleeves up and concentrate on his game." (The Sydney Morning Herald 20th June 1994)

**Notes:** Wests were dominant early and led 10-0 but poor handling started to eat away at the lead and when Ken McGuinness had a fair try disallowed Parramatta was able to go away for a win. Jim Serdaris was named as captain and made a complaint about the Parramatta illegal play-the ball.

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