



# 1993 Round 13 Sunday 27th June Parramatta Stadium



## Parramatta 22

Scott MAHON  
 Robert MUCHMORE  
 Michael BUETTNER  
 Brett KENNY  
 Joe BARTOLO  
 Michael SPEECHLEY  
 Tulsen TOLLETT  
 Peter McPHAIL  
 Mark HORO  
 Cameron BLAIR  
 John FEARNLEY  
 Shane FLANAGAN  
 Paul DUNN (c)  
 Chris KING  
 Bill GREENTREE

def.

## Western Suburbs 6

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

Andrew LEEDS  
 David ANDERSON  
 Steve GEORGALLIS  
 Brad HUGHES  
 Darren WILLIS  
 Shaun DEVINE  
 Jason TAYLOR  
 Paul LANGMACK (c)  
 Stephen KEARNEY  
 Scott HARDY  
 Mark AFFLICK  
 Jason ALCHIN  
 Darren BRITT  
 Craig MENKINS  
 Mark BELL  
 Justin DOOLEY  
 Glenn GRIEF



**Tries** Chris KING  
 Brett KENNY  
 Shane FLANAGAN  
 Joe BARTOLO

Glenn GRIEF

**Goals** Michael BUETTNER (3)

Jason TAYLOR (1)

### Match Description

**Parramatta:** Full-back: S Mahon; three-quarters: R Muchmore, M Buettner, B Kenny, J Bartolo; five-eighth: M Speechley; half: T Tollett; forwards: P McPhail, M Horo, C Blair, J Fearnley, S Flanagan, P Dunn (c)

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Anderson, B Hughes, S Georgallis, D Willis; five-eighth: S Devine; half: J Taylor; forwards: P Langmack (c), S Kearney, S Hardy, M Afflick, J Alchin, D Britt **Referee: T Kelly (Daily Telegraph 28th June 1993)**

Cameron Blair, Parramatta's never-say-die second-rower, scoffs at talk the Eels are washed up as semi-final chances. After spurring Parra to yesterday's 22-6 victory over Wests at Parramatta Stadium, Blair insisted the blue and golds were still in the hunt for a precious final-five berth. The win boosted the Eels' points tally to 12, equal with Illawarra and eight points behind fifth-placed Brisbane. "Sure, we've got a heck of a lot of work to do, but anything's possible," Blair said. "We play six of our last nine matches at home and that's got to give us some sort of look-in. Everybody knows Parramatta can play a brand of football capable of beating any team in the comp. We have let ourselves down on the score of consistency, but perhaps the win against Wests will turn everything around. There were some very encouraging signs out there today. It's a topsy-turvy competition and it's too early to write off our chances." Blair, whom coach Mick Cronin describes as his most consistent performer, played a leading role in Parra's four-tries-to-one triumph yesterday. He was constantly in the thick of the action, charging the ball up fearlessly and getting through a heap of work in defence. Blair revealed the secret behind his consistency at a time when many of his team-mates have been struggling for confidence and form. "I have been trying extra hard to have big games against the teams I didn't fire against last season," he said. "I was pretty quiet when we played Norths and Wests last year and I feel I have made amends for that in the last couple of weeks. It's one of those little goals players set themselves. They help keep you on your toes." Overall, yesterday's match was pretty ordinary fare, but Parramatta did provide some brilliant little cameos for the hardy crowd of 10,029. The class and commitment of Eels' veteran Brett Kenny shone through in two such moments. Both resulted in tries. Parramatta all but had their first win in five matches wrapped up with a 16-0 lead at the break, but had to ward off a brief, but nevertheless, gritty Magpie fightback in the second half. Victory was sealed when replacement forward Chris King crashed over for a try a couple of minutes from the siren. **(The Daily Telegraph Mirror 28th June 1993)**

**Notes:** The Wests team was greatly re-shuffled for this match, with Shaun Devine into five-eighth and Mark Afflick and Scott Hardy back into the pack. The full roster of four replacements was used, with another serious injury (Brad Hughes, broken leg) blighting the result. Ex-Wests' player, Cameron Blair, was the main destroyer for Parramatta and the reshuffled Wests' pack couldn't handle his incisive bursts.