

## 1994 Round 14 Saturday 2nd July Campbelltown Stadium

### Western Suburbs 38

Andrew LEEDS Paul SMITH Damien McGARRY Ken McGUINNESS Darren WILLIS Steve GEORGALLIS Jason AI CHIN Paul LANGMACK Stephen KEARNEY Mark AFFLICK **Brent STUART** Jim SERDARIS (c) Neil TIERNEY Darrien DOHERTY Peter SHIELS Ewan McGRADY

#### def.

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

# Gold Coast 4

Alan KEMPNICH John SKARDON Adrian VOWLES Adrian BRUNKER David BOUVENG Peter GILL Craig COLEMAN (c) Wayne BARTRIM Darren WOLENS Jamie DAY **Robert TOCCO Eddie FALLINS** Scott FREESTONE Dave WOODS Andrew WHITTINGTON Clinton MOHR Ray HERRING

Adrian BRUNKER



Tries

#### Darren WILLIS (3) Darrien DOHERTY Steve GEORGALLIS Andrew LEEDS Damien McGARRY

Andrew LEEDS (5)

Goals

## Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, D McGarry, K McGuinness, D Willis; five-eighth: S Georgallis; half: J Alchin; forwards: P Langmack, S Kearney, M Afflick, B Stuart, J Serdaris (c), N Tierney Gold Coast: Full-back: A Kempnich; three-quarters: J Skardon, A Vowles, A Brunker, D Bouveng; five-eighth: P Gill; half: C Coleman (c);

forwards: W Bartrim, D Wolens, J Day, R Tocco, E Fallins, S Freestone Referee: T Mander (Big League 2nd July 1994)

Western Suburbs winger Darren Willis was the man in the spotlight after the Magpies 38-4 win over Gold Coast at Campbelltown last night. Willis scored a hat-trick of tries for the Magpies and was the victim of an alleged spear tackle by his opposite number John Skardon early in the game. "Darren hasn't had much action this year so it was good to see him get amongst the tries," said Wests' coach Warren Ryan. "He made the most of the chances that came his way and had an outstanding game." Skardon was placed on report by referee Tim Mander following Wests' seven tries to one romp. League officials will view a video of the tackle tomorrow to determine if Skardon has a case to answer. Wests climbed out of the danger zone at the bottom of the premiership ladder with their impressive win over a fumbling Gold Coast. The Magpies scored two tries in the first 10 minutes and were always in command. Apart from Willis, centre Ken McGuinness, five-eighth Steve Georgallis and prop Brent Stuart were the pick of the Magpies. Seagulls' coach John Harvey could offer no excuses for his side's poor performance. "We just didn't control the ball and paid the penalty," Harvey said. **(Sunday Telegraph 3rd July 1994)** 

Western Suburbs winger Darren Willis survived an alleged spear tackle to bag a hat-trick of tries as the Magpies whipped Gold Coast 38-4 at Campbelltown Sports Ground last night. Seagulls' winger John Skardon was reported by referee Tim Mander for his tackle on Willis in the 22nd minute as Wests raced in seven tries to one. Willis, who spent most of the year in the shadow of 10-try wing partner Paul Smith, shrugged off the incident by following up his seventh minute touchdown with two more - each laid on by centre Ken McGuinness. Mander appeared to be unconcerned by Skardon's tackle until touch judge Keith Gegg raced in to report it. "I think it was pretty much an accident," said Willis. **(The Sun-Herald 3rd July 1994)** 

**Notes:** Wests scored two tries in the first 10 minutes and the match was as good as over. Darren Willis had a blinder, scoring three blistering tries, made all the more impressive after recovering from a vicious spear-tackle. Ken McGuinness was again impressive but it was Brent Stuart, The Players' Player award winner, who was the outstanding up-front workhorse.

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