



1997 Round 14 Friday 20th June Campbelltown Stadium



South Sydney 20

def.

Western Suburbs 16

Brendan O'MEARA
Marty MOORE
David PENNA
Phil HOWLETT
Jeff ORFORD
Scott MURRAY
Darrell TRINDALL (c)
Darren BURNS
Tere GLASSIE
Michael FRANCIS
Michael OSTINI
Shannon DONATO
Matt PARSONS
Craig SIMON
Brett GILLARD
Peter STIMSON
Troy SLATTERY

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

Andrew LEEDS
Savenaca LOMANIMAKO
Kevin McGUINNESS
Darren WILLIS
Brett HODGSON
Adam DOYLE
Steve GEORGALLIS
Paul LANGMACK (c)
Shane MILLARD
Damian KENNEDY
Harvey HOWARD
Ciriaco MESCIA
John SKANDALIS
Des HASLER
Bill DUNN
James SMITH
Andrew WILLIS



Tries Jeff ORFORD (2)
Matt PARSONS
David PENNA

John SKANDALIS
Kevin McGUINNESS

Goals Darrell TRINDALL (2)

Andrew LEEDS (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: S Lomanimako, Kevin McGuinness, D Willis, B Hodgson; five-eighth: A Doyle; half: S Georgallis; forwards: P Langmack (c), D Kennedy, S Millard, H Howard, C Mescia, J Skandalis

South Sydney: Full-back: B O'Meara.; three-quarters: M Moore, D Penna, P Howlett, J Orford; five-eighth: S Murray; half: D Trindall; forwards: D Burns, T Glassie, M Francis, M Ostini, S Donato, M Parsons **Referee: S Hampstead (Big League 20th June 1997)**

The bubble finally burst for coach of the moment Tommy Raudonikis when Western Suburbs were beaten 20-16 by South Sydney at Campbelltown Sports Ground last night. The Magpies have been flying high after four successive wins and looked set to join Parramatta in 3rd place on the ARL ladder until Souths snatched a shock victory with a last-minute try. Wests fought back to grab a 16-14 lead when Kevin McGuinness scored out wide and Andrew Leeds converted. But Souths - who had won just once since beating Wests in the first round - struck the decisive blow in the last minute. Prop Matt Parsons was the hero as he ploughed his way over after pouncing on a ball which Leeds had spilled from a bomb. Souths' Captain Daryl "Tricky" Trindall, who had engineered his side's three previous tries, added the extras to complete an unexpected but fully deserved victory. The result was the Magpies' first loss in five outings and also brought to an end Raudonikis' golden run, which included successes in the City-Country match and the first two State of Origins. Trindall set up two tries - including one after the siren - to lift Souths to a surprise 10-8 halftime lead. The first came when he put five-eighth Scott Murray into a gaping hole and he, in turn, put centre David Penna away for the touchdown. Trindall added the conversion but the Magpies hit back four minutes later to level. Front rower John Skandalis notched a fortunate try for the home side when he pounced on a grubber-kick from Adam Doyle that had ricocheted off the Souths' defence. Leeds added the simple conversion and six minutes later was on target again with a penalty for an 8-6 lead. Souths were unlucky not to regain the lead when lock Darren Burns was adjudged to have knocked-on in the process of scoring. It proved immaterial as Trindall gave the Rabbitohs a well-deserved lead in the final seconds. Trindall received the ball as the siren sounded and produced a pinpoint kick over the defensive line for winger Jeff Orford to gather up and score out wide. **(Sydney Morning Herald 21st June 1997)**

Notes: Wests were leading 16-14 when the final siren sounded, after a Kevin McGuinness try, but a try and conversion by Souths led to a heart-breaking win. Savenaca Lomanimako (from Tumbaramba) made his debut but all the talk was about the move of Brandon Pearson to the Roosters after declaring that he wasn't happy at the Magpies.