



1993 Round 15 Sunday 11th July Bruce Stadium



Canberra 38

def.

Western Suburbs 2

Brett MULLINS
 Noa NADROKU
 Mal MENINGA (c)
 David BOYLE
 Sean HOPPE
 Laurie DALEY
 Ricky STUART
 Jason CROKER
 David FURNER
 Brett HETHERINGTON
 John LOMAX
 Steve WALTERS
 Paul OSBORNE
 Ruben WIKI
 Darren FRITZ
 Trevor SCHODEL
 Ken NAGAS

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
 Russell WYER
 Darren WILLIS
 Wayne SIMONDS
 Steve GEORGALLIS
 Jason TAYLOR
 Paul LANGMACK
 Stephen KEARNEY
 Justin DOOLEY
 David GILLESPIE (c)
 Jason ALCHIN
 Craig MENKINS
 Scott HARDY
 Glenn GRIEF
 Chris WILLIAMS



Tries Noa NADROKU (3)
 Steve WALTERS
 Brett MULLINS
 Sean HOPPE
 David FURNER

Goals David FURNER (4) Jason TAYLOR (1)
 Mal MENINGA (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Anderson, D Willis, R Wyer, W Simonds; five-eighth: S Georgallis; half: J Taylor; forwards: P Langmack, S Kearney, J Dooley, C Menkins, J Alchin, D Gillespie (c)

Canberra: Full-back: B Mullins; three-quarters: N Nadruku, M Meninga (c), D Boyle, S Hoppe; five-eighth: L Daley; half: R Stuart; forwards: J Croker, D Furner, B Hetherington, J Lomax, S Walters, P Osborne **Referee: S Clark (Daily Telegraph 12th July 1993)**

Canberra moved into the top three with a comprehensive domination of Western Suburbs, 38-2, at Bruce Stadium yesterday, but coach Tim Sheens was just happy his team survived intact without any send-offs in a spiteful and brawling match. Referee Stephen Clark was struggling to maintain control throughout, with a scuffle in the first minute, a virtual all-in brawl in the 75th minute, the sin-binning of four players – three of them Magpies – and niggling tactics by both teams in between. ... Significantly, Clark sent Magpies' second-rower Stephen Kearney and lock Paul Langmack to the sideline for professional fouls as the Raiders were attacking deep in Wests' territory just before half-time. And not surprisingly, with 13 men against 11, the Raiders piled on two tries in that time, escalating their 10-2 lead to a 20-2 winning margin. With the match in hand, Canberra then engaged in insulting football theatrics, such as over-the-head passes, unforced flamboyant play and uncontrolled handling. But the real theatre involved Clark and his difficulty in controlling Wests, frustrated and clearly outclassed, and Canberra, playing with contempt. Sheens said Wests were trying to slow down his team's quick play-the-balls with ruck interference, although surprisingly it was Raiders' players who were commonly penalised. Despite Sheen's call for calm, Raiders replacement forward Darren Fritz was sin-binned along with Magpies' centre, Russell Wyer in the last five minutes of the match, just after Canberra five-eight Laurie Daley and Wests' forward Justin Dooley were cautioned for fighting. But while many thought the brawls ended in a draw, the embarrassing scoreline told the story of lopsided football talent. For Wests, there were heart and commitment, but the club's depth and try-scoring skills were clearly lacking. ... Instead of spinning the ball out wide, the Raiders depended on their big forwards – Osborne, John Lomax and Brett Hetherington – to carve up a pitiful Wests' defence. ... Season try-score leader, Noa Nadruku, chimed in well on to captain Mal Meninga's passes, ending up with yet another bag of three touchdowns. ... Wests' coach Warren Ryan was circumspect: "We were outclassed," he said. **(Sydney Morning Herald 12th July 1993)**

Notes: *The re-shuffled Wests' team was clearly out-classed but kept trying hard in a niggling match which often erupted into violence. Wests had three players sin-binned and Canberra scored two tries late in the second half when Stephen Kearney and Paul Langmack were off the field. The huge injury toll was seriously affecting Wests' performance; they were simply running out of troops.*