



1987 Round 15 Sunday 14th June Parramatta Stadium



Parramatta 35

Mick DELROY
 Michael ERICKSON
 John MUGGLETON
 Brian JACKSON
 Tony CHALMERS
 Brett SCOTT
 Mike EDEN
 Mark LAURIE
 Peter FORD
 Peter WYNN (c)
 Stan JURD
 Michael MOSELEY
 Paul MARES
 Terry LEABEATER
 Glenn MANSFIELD
 Danny CRNKOVICH
 Mark BARNES

def.

Western Suburbs 16

Steve McCOY
 Phillip DUKE
 John ALLANSON
 Allen GEELAN
 Paul SHEAHAN
 Doug RAWLINGS
 Trevor COGGER
 Ian SCHUBERT (c)
 Wayne LAMBKIN
 John ELIAS
 Les WHITE
 Alan FALLAH
 Scott TRONC
 Denis KINCHELA
 Rod PETHYBRIDGE
 Brett GALE
 Terry DONNELLAN



Tries Brian JACKSON (3)
 Danny CRNKOVICH (2)

Allen GEELAN
 Alan FALLAH
 Phillip DUKE

Goals John MUGGLETON (8) One Field Goal

Ian SCHUBERT (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: S McCoy; three-quarters: P Duke, A Geelan, J Allanson, P Sheahan; five-eighth: D Rawlings; half: T Cogger; forwards: I Schubert (c), J Elias, W Lambkin, L White, A Fallah, S Tronc

Parramatta: Full-back: M Delroy; three-quarters: M Erickson, J Muggleton, B Jackson, T Chalmers; five-eighth: B Scott; half: M Eden; forwards: M Laurie, P Ford, P Wynn (c), S Jurd, M Moseley, P Mares **Referee: G Annesley (Rugby League Week 17th June 1987)**

The 35-16 scoreline in favour of Parramatta prompted some heated words from Western Suburbs coach Steve Ghosn to referee Graham Annesley following the Winfield Cup rugby league match at Parramatta Stadium yesterday. But if the score makes the premiers look like a dominant force in this year's competition, Ghosn was quick to pour cold water on their chances of repeating last year's grand final success. "They are not final five material," he said, admitting he had given Annesley an earful in the tunnel after the game, convinced his side had been unfairly treated. Ghosn's assessment of the team which beat his side by five tries to three may appear strange, but even Eels' Coach John Monie wasn't overly enthusiastic about the display by his makeshift team. Until the first of Crnkovich's tries, Wests trailed 16-23 and were not without a chance of repeating their first-round win over the premiers. But they really had no-one to blame but themselves for the outcome after a niggling game in which both prop Les White and captain Ian Schubert were sin-binned and in which they made far too many mistakes. The two coaches, Monie and Ghosn, highlighted the same problem – discipline. Neither team displayed much of it. ... Said Ghosn: "We were frustrated and we played a little undisciplined. But our second half recovery was good and I wasn't disappointed with their performance." Wests' frustration with the referee reached such a pitch that after being penalised in a scrum late in the first half Schubert was seen gesticulating wildly in the direction of the touch judge. "He was going to make an on-field complaint," explained Ghosn later. But the upshot was Wests marched back another 10, allowing Muggleton to land the penalty goal. Minutes later, as White returned from 10 minutes in the sin-bin, Schubert was despatched there for five minutes on a touch judge's report. Reduced to 12 men when trailing 4-12, Wests conceded the third of Jackson's tries, were behind 4-20 with the extras by Muggleton, and had come back to 10-22 by halftime following a try by centre Allen Geelan. Jackson, who returned in Parramatta's reserve grade last week following a shoulder operation and six weeks on the sidelines, proved himself something of an opportunist with two of his tries. He charged down a stab-kick by Wests' halfback Trevor Cogger and regathered to race 20 metres to score his second, and then won a race to the ball in-goal after a Mike Eden pass had been knocked down. Wests opened their account when Alan Fallah caught the defence napping to score from dummy half, hung in when five-eighth Doug Rawlings re-gathered a Cogger kick on the full and sent Geelan over, and kept pressing when winger Phillip Duke pounced on a loose ball to score between the posts. ... **(Daily Telegraph 15th June 1987)**

Notes: Wests stretched Parramatta for long intervals and in the second half fought back to 16-22, but a lot of silly penalties and both Schubert and White spending time in the sin-bin allowed Parramatta to win a very fiery encounter. Scott Tronc made 40 tackles, but John Elias was clearly Wests' best.