



# 1996 Round 15 Sunday 14th July Campbelltown Stadium



**Western Suburbs 40**

**def.**

**North Queensland 32**



Andrew LEEDS  
Darren WILLIS  
Ken McGUINNESS  
Brandon PEARSON  
Kevin McGUINNESS  
Jason BENGGE  
Craig COLEMAN  
Steve GEORGALLIS  
Paul LANGMACK (c)  
Damian KENNEDY  
John SKANDALIS  
Ciriaco MESCIA  
Andrew HICK  
Andrew WILLIS  
Juston DOOLEY  
Harvey HOWARD  
Bill DUNN

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

Damien GIBSON  
Marshall MILLER  
Willie MORGANSON  
Paul BOWMAN  
Jusitn LOOMANS  
Andrew DUNEMANN  
Ian DUNEMANN  
Adrian VOWLES (c)  
Peter JONES  
Willie POCHING  
Wayne SING  
Jason DEATH  
Steve EDMED  
Glen MURPHY  
Reggie CRESSBROOK  
Graham WHITE  
John BUTTIGIEG

**Tries** Damian KENNEDY (2)  
Andrew WILLIS  
Darren WILLIS  
Ciriaco MESCIA  
Andrew HICK  
Brandon PEARSON

Marshall MILLER (2)  
Willie MORGANSON  
Reggie CRESSBROOK  
Andrew DUNEMANN  
Justin LOOMANS

**Goals** Andrew LEEDS (6)

Reggie CRESSBROOK (2)  
Adrain VOWLES (2)

## Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Willis, Ken McGuinness, B Pearson, Kevin McGuinness; five-eighth: J Bengge; half: C Coleman; forwards: S Georgallis, P Langmack (c), D Kennedy, A Hick, C Mescia, J Skandalis

**North Queensland:** Full-back: D Gibson; three-quarters: M Miller, W Morganson, P Bowman, J Loomans; five-eighth: A Dunemann; half: I Dunemann; forwards: A Vowles (c), P Jones, W Poching, W Sing, J Death, S Edmed **Referee: N Almond (Daily Telegraph 15th July 1996)**

Tommy Raudonikis is a man who has never shirked hard work but he'll need to develop the skills of a bricklayer if his Magpies are to make the final eight. Yesterday's 40-32 win over North Queensland at Campbelltown provided welcome competition points but coach Raudonikis must reach for the bricks and mortar to build some sort of defensive wall. Wests' man-on-man defence against the young but enthusiastic Cowboys yesterday was pathetic. North Queensland posted six tries, some quite brilliant in their execution, but others came with embarrassing ease. Western Suburbs got out of gaol with a seven try effort but they are living in a fairy land if they think such defensive lapses won't be exploited by future opponents such as Canberra, Brisbane, Norths and Manly. The grim-faced coach wasn't revealing much after the game but vowed that the problem would be rectified. "We can score plenty of tries but are missing too many tackles," Raudonikis said. "I'm not happy at all. For the last three weeks the opposition has scored three tries on us in the first ten or so minutes. We're just missing tackles and that means any side can beat you. There's some problems there and I guarantee we'll fix them this week." It was a weird match in the tricky wind conditions, pretty much a game of you score, we score. The Cowboys had sprinted to a 16-4 lead (three tries after only 24 minutes) but the Magpies struck back to square the contest at 16-all just on half time. ... In all, there were 13 tries on the day and more breaks made than you'd find it in a snooker hall. Wests can thank warhorse forward Paul Langmack for the win. It was a match the Magpies may well have lost had it not been for Langmack's constant driving of his team from the edge of the ruck. He also offloaded a number of exquisite passes to his runners and tackled superbly to show precisely why is the Wests' skipper. Steve Georgallis and big Bill Dunn were eager to take the lead from Langmack and did plenty of good work on a day when it was sorely needed. The Cowboys went home justifiably proud of their efforts. ... Apart from Langmack, Dunn and Georgallis, Wests got value from young second rower Damian Kennedy (two tries), hooker Cherry Mescia and Mr Dependable at the rear Andrew Leeds. For the Cowboys, second rower Willie Poching had a strong running game. Wayne Sing defended well up front and Andrew Dunemann organised the attack cleverly from pivot. **(The Daily Telegraph 15th July 1996)**

**Notes:** Down 16-4, the experience of Paul Langmack came to the fore as he led the comeback, with Wests scoring four late tries. Andrew Leeds was also important, kicking six out of seven in gusty conditions. Jason Bengge was an unusual position change, into five-eighth. Georgallis and Bill Dunn thrived, running off well-timed Langmack passes. Coach Tommy Raudonikis was still worried about the large number of errors.