



1991 Round 15 Sunday 7th July Campbelltown Stadium



Western Suburbs 18

def.

South Sydney 16

Shaun DEVINE
Wayne SIMONDS
Andrew FARRAR
Tony COSATTO
Stephen BURNS
Ivan HENJAK (c)
Jason TAYLOR
Jason LIDDEN
Graeme WYNN
David GILLESPIE
Steve JACKSON
Joe THOMAS (c)
Darren BRITT
Ron GIBBS
Robert BURGESS
Noel GOLDTHORPE

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

Rod MAYBON
Sandy CAMPBELL
Paul ROBERTS
Manoa THOMPSON
Darren SCHOTT
Darrell TRINDALL
Craig COLEMAN (c)
Michael ANDREWS
Darren MAROON
Jim SERDARIS
David BOYLE
Sean GARLICK
Michael MILLS
Blake BUTCHER
Wayne CHISHOLM
Vince CIBULKA

Tries Joe THOMAS
Jason LIDDEN
Tony COSATTO

Manoa THOMPSON
Darren SCHOTT

Goals Jason TAYLOR (3)

Rod MAYBON (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: S Devine; three-quarters: W Simonds, A Farrar, T Cosatto, S Burns; five-eighth: I Henjak (c); half: J Taylor; forwards: J Lidden, G Wynn, D Gillespie, S Jackson, J Thomas, D Britt

South Sydney: Full-back: R Maybon; three-quarters: S Campbell, P Roberts, M Thompson, D Schott; five-eighth: D Trindall; half: C Coleman (c); forwards: M Andrews, D Maroon, J Serdaris, D Boyle, S Garlick, M Mills **Referee: G West (Big League 10th July 1991)**

Western Suburbs coach Warren Ryan conceded his side was "gone to Gowings" before staging a remarkable second-half fight-back to snatch an 18-16 win over Souths at Campbelltown yesterday. The Magpies trailed 16-0 with just 19 minutes remaining before storming home to consolidate their top-three position. A Jason Taylor penalty goal in the 71st minute lifted Wests to victory – the second time in three weeks that the team has escaped with the premiership points. Wests snatched a 10-8 win against Cronulla a fortnight ago when Taylor landed a penalty goal in the dying seconds. "Everything we did was terrible," Ryan said in reference to Wests' efforts in the first 60 minutes. We were gone to Gowings. But the last 20 minutes today was just magic." Ryan was quick to heap praise on the gutsy South Sydney side which almost put a huge dent in Wests' premiership aspirations. "They are a fast and dangerous team who cannot be taken lightly," Ryan said. "They played well today." Souths appeared to have the match parcelled up when leading 16-0 midway through the second half. The forwards had done all the hard work in the first half and the backs cut loose when given an opportunity. Winger Darren Schott put Souths ahead 8-0 with a length-of-the-field intercept try in the 21st minute before two Rod Maybon goals and a Manoa Thompson try had them sailing towards victory. Wests finally clicked when Tony Cosatto scored in the first minute and before Jason Lidden and Joe Thomas chipped in with tries minutes later. A draw would probably have been a fair result – Souths can consider themselves unlucky to lose but according to coach Frank Curry will benefit from the experience. Wests' match-winning goal came after Souths' Darrell Trindall was penalised for stealing the ball from Graeme Wynn in a tackle close to the Rabbitoh's line. Both camps agreed afterwards that referee Graeme West had made a correct decision. "He (Trindall) was in the wrong and I think he knew it," Wynn said later in reference to the incident. Wests' prop David Gillespie turned in another powerhouse display and continues to press strongly for Test selection. The Rabbitohs also had a number of stars with Rod Maybon, Jim Serdaris, Paul Roberts and Darren Maroon shining. "Unfortunately, we dropped off our intensity," Curry said. "They did the same to us late in the game what we did to them. It's very disappointing but we can learn from that." Curry will now have to find a place for international Mark Carroll who comes back from injury next week. **(Daily Telegraph Mirror 8th July 1991)**

Notes: Again, a late penalty goal in the 71st minute by Jason Taylor was the match-winner but the real story was one of Wests' best-ever comebacks. Down 16-0 midway through the second half, they came storming back as the forwards, led by Darren Britt and David Gillespie (best forward on field), started to gain control. The injection of a fresh reserve, Ron Gibbs, with his decisive running, was also a major factor. Coach Ryan was still considering ball control a problem.