1994 Round 15 Friday 8th July Adelaide Oval

St George 32   def.   Western Suburbs 16

St George	Position	Western Suburbs
Rod MAYBON	*Fullback*	Andrew LEEDS
Ricky WALFORD	*Wing*	Paul SMITH
Rex TERP	*Centre*	Damien McGARRY
Graeme BRADLEY	*Centre*	Ken McGUINNESS
Ian HERRON	*Wing*	Darren WILLIS
Andrew WALKER	*Five-eighth*	Steve GEORGALLIS
Damien CHAPMAN	*Half*	Jason ALCHIN
Brad MACKAY	*Lock*	Paul LANGMACK
Scott GOURLEY	*Second Row*	Stephen KEARNEY
David BARNHILL	*Second Row*	Mark AFFLICK
Jason STEVENS	*Front Row*	Glenn GRIEF
Nathan BROWN	*Hooker*	Jim SERDARIS (c)
Gordon TALLIS (c)	*Front Row*	Brent STUART
Paul STEVENS	*Replacement*	Josh WHITE
Jeff HARDY	*Replacement*	Peter SHIELS
Scott PARK	*Replacement*	Neil TIERNEY
Anthony MUNDINE	*Replacement*	

Tries	Rex TERP	Paul SMITH
	Gordon TALLIS	Jim SERDARIS
	Jason STEVENS	Andrew LEEDS
	Anthony MUNDINE	
	Ian HERRON	
	Damien CHAPMAN	

Goals	Damien CHAPMAN (4)	Andrew LEEDS (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, D McGarry, K McGuinness, D Willis; five-eighth: S Georgallis; half: J Alchin; forwards: P Langmack, S Kearney, M Afflick, B Stuart, J Serdaris (c), G Grief

St George: Full-back: R Maybon; three-quarters: R Walford, R Terp, G Bradley, I Herron; five-eighth: A Walker; half: D Chapman; forwards: B Mackay, S Gourley, D Barnhill, J Stevens, N Brown, G Tallis (c)   **Referee: S Clark   (Daily Telegraph 9th July 1994)**

St George players remained unimpressed with themselves despite exorcising the ghost of Brookvale with a 32-16 win over Western Suburbs at Adelaide Oval last night. Saints disposed of the memory of last week's 61-0 hammering at the hands of Manly with six second half tries to keep their faint semi-final hopes flickering. Prop Jason Stevens was the star, sparking a touchdown avalanche when he laid the foundations for one and scored another five minutes later with Wests 4-2 up just after half time. Coach Brian Smith rated Nathan Brown "the most naturally gifted hooker I've had," after he set up three tries with deft dummy-half play. …. Western Suburbs led 4-0 early despite Saints' domination territorially, and there was no indication that Damien Chapman's 39th minute penalty goal for St George would turn the match. But Stevens grabbed a hitherto drab contest by the scruff of the neck when the teams returned for the second half. First, he steamrolled through the defensive line near half-way, off-loaded to fullback Rod Maybon who put replacement winger Anthony Mundine over in the corner. Then he became the first recipient of a Nathan Brown Special, taking the inside pass and plunging over after Brown had feigned a couple of steps to the right from dummy-half. … Wests' crucial period came after fullback Andrew Leeds scored and converted to leave Saints just leading, 12-10, in the 58th minute. "I thought we had them in a bit of bother at 12-10," said coach Warren Ryan. Former Kiwi Test captain Stephen Kearney crossed for what he though was a try not long after but referee Steve Clarke ruled Saints' stand-in skipper, Graeme Bradley and Brown held him up. "Then we put in a fairly feeble kick into their in-goal, they ran it out and ended up scoring," said Ryan. "We had our chances." A rib injury to Bradley was the only injury worry from a match which saved face in the second half after shaping up as a wasted evening for 12,874 South Australians in the first. …… **(Sydney Morning Herald 9th July 1994)**

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Notes: Wests led 4-2 at half-time in a closely contested match. Even at the 58th minute they were only down 10-12 but the last twenty minutes was a series of errors that let Saints run away with the game. Stephen Kearney had a critical try disallowed which changed the course of the match. Saints were fired up after an embarrassing 61-0 loss to Manly the previous week.