



1991 Round 16 Saturday 13th July Campbelltown Stadium



Western Suburbs 18

def.

Gold Coast 4

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

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

Troy McARTHUR
Mark ROSS
Daryl POWELL
Brett FRENCH
Ben GONZALES
Wally LEWIS (c)
Paul SHAW
Robert SIMPKINS
Scott FREESTONE
Tony DURHEIM
Keith NELLER
Wayne BARTRIM
Paul DIXON
Pat O'DOHERTY
Keith GEE
Paul BISHOP
Terry COOK

Tries Graeme WYNN
Wayne SIMONDS

Daryl POWELL

Goals Jason TAYLOR (5)

Match Description

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

Gold Coast: Full-back: T McCarthy; three-quarters: M Ross, D Powell, B French, B Gonzales; five-eighth: W Lewis (c); half: P Shaw; forwards: R Simpkins, S Freestone, T Durheim, K Neller, W Bartrim, P Dixon **Referee: B Grant (Big League 17th July 1991)**

Western Suburbs moved into equal second place on the Winfield Cup ladder last night when it scored an 18-4 win over the Gold Coast at Campbelltown Sports Ground. The Magpies scored two tries to one in a victory which elevates them to 22 competition points, equal with North Sydney. Although turning in an unimpressive display, Wests' comfortable win places them in the ideal position for an all-out assault on a top three position. Tiny halfback Jason Taylor starred for Wests, dictating traffic around the rucks and booting five goals. Wests led 8-0 at halftime before Gold Coast hit back with a 25th minute try to English import Darryl Powell. Just when it appeared Gold Coast might sneak back to snatch a late win, veteran Wests' forward Graeme Wynn crossed for the match-winning try with just nine minutes remaining. The try eventuated after Taylor slipped a short ball to rampaging lock Jason Lidden. Lidden beat the cover tackle of Wally Lewis before off-loading to Wynn who crossed beside the post. Taylor's conversion and another penalty goal with seven minutes remaining gave the Magpies its hard-fought 14 points win. "Although we made a few mistakes, it was still a good win," Wests' boss Gordon Allen said after the match. "We're now looking forward to next Sunday's match against Norths." Western Suburbs had led 8-0 at halftime after a half marred by mistakes, with both sides committing numerous handling errors and pushing ill-directed passes. Although the Magpies were in front, Gold Coast could quite easily have been closer had they not given away so much ball in attack. The Magpies opened the scoring in the 11th minute when Jason Taylor landed an easy penalty goal. Taylor nearly scored the match's opening try four minutes later when he put Wynn through a gaping hole in the Seagulls' defence. Wynn drew Seagulls fullback Troy McCarthy to see Taylor looming up in support, but a loose pass from the veteran forward saw the movement break down. Thirteen minutes before halftime, Gold Coast threatened Wests' line, but the Magpies' defence held tight. Halfback Taylor landed his second penalty goal 10 minutes before halftime when Gold Coast's Pat O'Doherty was penalised for lying on the tackled player. At that stage it appeared Wests would be going into the halftime break just four points ahead, but Taylor struck, sending winger Wayne Simonds over in the corner with just two minutes of the first half remaining. Taylor threw a superb long pass over the head of Gold Coast winger Mark Ross to the unmarked Simonds who darted over in the corner. Simonds showed a clean pair of heels to beat the Gold Coast cover and score out wide. On the first-half performance Wests would have to improve at least 50 per cent to be a premiership contender this season. Skipper Wally Lewis was the Gold Coast's best in the first half, dictating play and again proving himself one of the game's finest tactical kickers. **(Sunday Telegraph 14th July 1991)**

Notes: Wests went to the top of the Club Championship with wins in all three grades. Coach Ryan felt there was a lack of effort in an uninspiring, yet tradesmanlike display. Wayne Simonds consolidated his reputation with another dashing display, scoring a decisive try just before half-time. Jason Lidden was outstanding in the forwards, while Jason Taylor guided the team professionally around the rucks, as well as kicking five out of five goals. David Gillespie was selected for the Australian team against NZ after the match.