1995 Round 16 Sunday 16th July Sydney Cricket Ground

St George 25 def. Western Suburbs 12

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Rod MAYBON	*Fullback*	Andrew LEEDS
Nick ZISTI	*Wing*	Paul SMITH
Mark BELL	*Centre*	Paul BELL
Graeme BRADLEY (c)	*Centre*	Ken McGUINNESS
Jason DONNELLY	*Wing*	Darren WILLIS
Anthony MUNDINE	*Five-eighth*	Brandon PEARSON
Noel GOLDTHORPE	*Half*	Steve GEORGALLIS
Damien McGARRY	*Lock*	Paul LANGMACK (c)
Gorden TALLIS	*Second Row*	Mark HORO
Troy STONE	*Second Row*	Jim SERDARIS
Anthony KABERRY	*Front Row*	Bill DUNN
Nathan BROWN	*Hooker*	Ciriaco MESCIA
Tony PRIDDLE	*Front Row*	Glenn GRIEF
Kurt WRIGLEY	*Replacement*	Justin DOOLEY
Brad SMITH	*Replacement*	Tony WALL
Colin SAUKURU	*Replacement*	Jason ALCHIN
Ian HERRON	*Replacement*	

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Tries	Gorden TALLIS	Darren WILLIS
	Mark BELL	Steve GEORGALLIS
	Noel GOLDTHORPE	
	Anthony MUNDINE	
Goals	Mark BELL (4) One field goal	Andrew LEEDS (2)
	Kurt WRIGLEY (1)	

Match Description
Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, P Bell, K McGuinness, D Willis; five-eighth: B Pearson; half: S Georgallis; forwards: P Langmack (c), M Horo, J Serdaris, B Dunn, C Mescia, G Grief
St George: Full-back: R Maybon; three-quarters: N Zisti, M Bell, G Bradley (c), J Donnelly; five-eighth: A Mundine; half: N Goldthorpe; forwards: D McGarry, G Tallis, T Stone, A Kaberry, N Brown, T Priddle   **Referee: D Manson**   (Daily Telegraph 17th July 1995)

The imposing figure of Norm "Sticks" Provan loomed large over St. George's man of the moment Gordon Tallis in yesterday's nostalgic return to the SCG. As Saint's legendary side of 1963 formed the guard of honour to welcome their modern counterparts onto the famous old arena, Tallis experienced a magical moment that will remain with him for the rest of his days. "I was running out onto the field and looked at Norm Provan eye-to-eye," Tallis said. "You can't miss a guy like him; he's a legend. And next to him were guys like Reg Gasnier and Johnny Raper. You just have to feel good when running onto the field past the likes of them. ….." Never known for his consistency in recent years, Tallis put together his fourth consecutive 'blinder' to inspire the Dragons to their 25-12 win over the Magpies. Tallis scored the opening try of the match, made several other dashing line breaks and rattled the Magpies' bones with some ferocious hits in defence. On a day where nostalgia flowed freely, Tallis reminded Wests' coach Tom Raudonikis of someone else from days gone by. "There was a lot of Les Boyd in what Tallis did to us today," Raudonikis said. "He is a special player and has his own style, but some of his runs and big hits were very reminiscent of Les at his best." Saints put Wests' finals hopes in jeopardy with their emphatic win yesterday, desperate to come up with a good showing to wipe out last week's shock loss to North Queensland, the Magpies failed miserably. On a day that drew more than 18,000 to league's former headquarters after much promotion by Wests officials, the Magpies were never in the hunt. ….While Tallis dominated the win, Saints had plenty of other stars. Hooker Nathan Brown had a five-star match, exceling at dummy-half with his clever ball distribution. Halves Noel Goldthorpe and Anthony Mundine were always scheming for gaps. … Any hopes Wests had of challenging the Dragons came to grief in a nightmare 3-minute period late in the first half. Magpie fullback Andrew Leeds was held up over the line, then Brandon Pearson was penalised for a double movement. From the penalty, Mundine scored a runaway try, putting the Dragons in a commanding position at 12-0 at the break. "That was a killer," Raudonikis agreed. "From there we were always playing catch-up football." **(The Daily Telegraph Mirror 17th July 1995)**

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Notes: This was a bad loss for Wests and certainly put their chance of making the semis in jeopardy. Wests played desperately but couldn't score when close; Leeds was held up over the line and Pearson penalised for a double movement. Raudonikis was very unhappy at the early capitulation, down 24-0, but at least there was some fightback in the second half.