



1993 Round 16 Saturday 17th July Chris Cunningham Field



Western Suburbs 32

def.

Gold Coast 22

Andrew LEEDS
 David ANDERSON
 Darren WILLIS
 Steve GEORGALLIS
 Russell WYER
 Chris WILLIAMS
 Jason TAYLOR
 Paul LANGMACK (c)
 Stephen KEARNEY
 Justin DOOLEY
 Kyle WHITE
 Jason ALCHIN
 Craig MENKINS
 Scott HARDY
 Mark BELL
 Glenn GRIEF

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

Dale SHEARER (c)
 Clinton MOHR
 Adrian VOWLES
 Craig WESTON
 Paul MARTIN
 Jason HETHERINGTON
 Steve WESTON
 Peter GILL
 Tony DURHEIM
 Kevin CAMPION
 Brent TODD
 Wayne BARTRIM
 Andrew WHITTINGTON
 Terry COOK
 Troy McCARTHY
 Brett HORSNELL
 Ali DAVYS

Tries Jason ALCHIN
 Russell WYER
 David ANDERSON
 Steve GEORGALLIS
 Darren WILLIS

Adrian VOWLES (2)
 Steve WESTON
 Paul MARTIN

Goals Jason TAYLOR (6)

Steve WESTON (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Anderson, D Willis, S Georgallis, R Wyer; five-eighth: C Williams; half: J Taylor; forwards: P Langmack, J Dooley, S Kearney, K White J Alchin, C Menkins

Gold Coast: Full-back: D Shearer; three-quarters: C Mohr, A Vowles, C Weston, P Martin; five-eighth: J Hetherington; half: S Weston; forwards: P Gill, T Durheim, K Campion, B Todd, W Bartrim, A Whittington **Referee: T Kelly (Big League 17th July 1993)**

Wests' coach Warren Ryan spoke up in defence of beleaguered Gold Coast coach Wally Lewis after the Magpies won 32-22 over the Seagulls at Tweed Heads last night. Ryan said club boards always thought they presented their coaches with a winning team and when things went wrong the coach copped it. "Only one team wins a premiership which means there are 15 football club boards which fail," Ryan said. Ryan was delighted with his team's performance last night, especially as his centre pairing of Terry Hill and Damien McGarry withdrew injured yesterday morning. Ryan was forced to reshuffle his backline to include a number of reserve grade players such as Chris Williams, who responded with a top game. He started out at five-eighth, but late in the match went to hooker in place of Jason Alchin and excelled. He made several lightning darts from dummy half position, where his speed off the mark caught Gold Coast napping. Ryan, like many a visiting coach to Tweed Heads, said he was bewildered that the Gold Coast had not won more games. "They have some good quality players and never seem to get thrashed," Ryan said. Gold Coast's slick start was generated by smart five-eight Jason Hetherington who laid the groundwork for two of the opening three tries. The Coast's other first half try came from Vowles who intercepted a Jason Taylor pass as Wests pressured the Seagulls' line. **(Sunday Telegraph 18th July 1993)**

Wests' rookie five-eighth, Chris Williams, produced an outstanding first grade debut in last night's 32-22 win over Gold Coast at Seagulls' Stadium. Williams was a late replacement for Damien McGarry in a backline shuffle which caused original pivot Steve Georgallis to switch to the centres. A former Penrith lower-grader, Williams' attacking flair earned him the Magpies' Players' Player award. Wests fought back from a 12-0 deficit to swamp the Seagulls in a match which featured seven first-half tries Halfback Jason Taylor put the finishing touches on Wests' win with a superb goal-kicking display in which he was successful with all six attempts. Despite Shearer's attacking brilliance, and one 40m break by five-eighth Jadon Hetherington, the Seagulls were unable to breach Wests' defence. **(The Sun-Herald 18th July 1993)**

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Notes: Wests were again forced into a re-shuffle when centres Damien McGarry (surprisingly back after injury) and Terry Hill were late withdrawals. Steve Georgallis went into the centres and Chris Williams (ex-Penrith) debuted at five-eighth. He was an immediate success with his speed, even being influential when switched to hooker late in the match. Kyle White was also influential in his comeback game and Wests were impressive to come from 12-0 down to run away in a strong second half.