



# 1994 Round 16 Sunday 17th July Wollongong Showground



## Illawarra 40

Mark TAYLOR  
 Rod WISHART  
 Brett RODWELL  
 Paul McGREGOR  
 Nigel ROY  
 Craig SIMON  
 John SIMON  
 Andrew FARRAR  
 Neil PICCINELLI  
 John CROSS (c)  
 Peter JOHNSTON  
 Dean CALLAWAY  
 Darren FRITZ  
 Ian RUSSELL  
 Keith BEAUCHAMP  
 Barry WARD  
 David WALSH

## def.

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

## Western Suburbs 18

Andrew LEEDS  
 Paul SMITH  
 Damien McGARRY  
 Ken McGUINNESS  
 Darren WILLIS  
 Steve GEORGALLIS  
 Josh WHITE  
 Paul LANGMACK  
 Stephen KEARNEY  
 Glenn GRIEF  
 Neil TIERNEY  
 Jim SERDARIS (c)  
 Brent STUART  
 Mark AFFLICK  
 Peter SHIELS  
 Jason EADE



### Tries

Rod WISHART  
 Barry WARD  
 Mark TAYLOR  
 Nigel ROY  
 Paul McGREGOR  
 Darren FRITZ  
 Dean CALLAWAY

Josh WHITE (2)  
 Darren WILLIS

### Goals

Rod WISHART (6)

Andrew LEEDS (3)

### Match Description

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

**Illawarra:** Full-back: M Taylor; three-quarters: R Wishart, B Rodwell, P McGregor, N Roy; five-eighth: C Simon; half: J Simon; forwards: A Farrar, N Piccinelli, J Cross (c), P Johnston, D Callaway, D Fritz **Referee: P McBlane (Daily Telegraph 18th July 1994)**

Caretaker coach Wayne Ellis was asked after Western Suburbs 42-18 loss to Illawarra at Steelers Stadium yesterday if he was a contender for the full time post next year. "After that?" he said, grinning. ... "I was pretty pleased with the effort; although, of course, 40 points is a worry," Ellis said. "I didn't see anyone give up though. They were trying their arses out." Ellis said he had given his players "a little bit" more freedom than they might have been used to, and was confident they would use it better over the next six weeks. The Magpies led six-nil early after the first of two tries by halfback Josh White, that could easily have been well on the way to victory following some early ineptitude from the Steelers. White's opposite, Kangaroo hopeful John Simon, made up for his teammates' error rate by tackling himself to a standstill and coming up with two crucial intercepts. When Illawarra's reply came, it was hard earned. Hooker Dean Callaway took an inside pass after a long break by centre Brett Rodwell after a similar manoeuvre involving the two had broken down. Rodwell again kicked out of some desperate lunges near halfway in the 25th minute, winger Nigel Roy backing up to put newly-capped international Paul McGregor across for 10-6. Rodwell took no further part in the match after an apparent head clash with Wests' Kiwi second-rower Stephen Kearney as he passed the ball. Illawarra will view the incident on video today before deciding whether to lodge a complaint. It became apparent Wests' post-Ryan era was destined for a losing start when Illawarra's 28-year-old rookie fullback, Mark Taylor, scored soon afterwards with lead up from Lady Luck. Taylor grubbered into the Wests' in-goal, where Magpie fullback Andrew Leeds seemingly had the ball covered. But it skewed off the left upright, presenting Taylor with the most fortuitous of four-pointers. Wests never recovered, while Simon just got better. At one stage, while in possession, he was confronted by Wests' 105kg Kiwi Test prop Brent Stuart. Simon just kept going, trampling right over the top of him. "I wish he wouldn't do that," said coach Graham Murray. "I wish he'd run around them sometimes." .... White, a late inclusion for the injured Jason Alchin, looks set for a long stay in the top grade at Campbelltown. ... **(Sydney Morning Herald 18th July 1994)**

**Notes:** Wests were very energised in the first fifteen minutes and led 6-0 after a Josh White try. Darren Willis scored a dazzling, pace-filled solo try but two crucial intercepts by Illawarra changed the tone of the match. The big news during the week was the sacking of the Coach, Warren Ryan, and his temporary replacement by Wayne Ellis. There was talk that Tommy Raudonikis had been approached to be the coach in the following year.