



1995 Round 17 Saturday 22nd July Campbelltown Stadium



Western Suburbs 18

def.

Sydney Bulldogs 14



Andrew LEEDS
 Tony WALL
 Ken McGUINNESS
 Paul BELL
 Darren WILLIS
 Steve GEORGALLIS
 Ciriaco MESCIA
 Paul LANGMACK (c)
 Mark HORO
 Damian DRISCOLL
 Brent STUART
 Jim SERDARIS
 Glenn GRIEF
 Jason ALCHIN
 Justin DOOLEY
 Mark AFFLICK
 Brad HUGHES

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

Rod SILVA
 Jason WILLIAMS
 John TIMU
 Jarrod McCRACKEN
 Daryl HALLIGAN
 Terry LAMB (c)
 Craig POLLA-MOUNTER
 Jim DYMOCOCK
 Simon GILLIES
 Jason SMITH
 Dean PAY
 Jason HETHERINGTON
 Darren BRITT
 Robert RELF
 Glen HUGHES

Tries Darren WILLIS (2)
 Tony WALL
 Andrew LEEDS

Rod SILVA
 Jarrod McCRACKEN

Goals Andrew LEEDS (1)

Daryl HALLIGAN (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: T Wall, P Bell, K McGuinness, D Willis; five-eighth: S Georgallis; half; C Mescia; forwards: P Langmack (c), M Horo, D Driscoll, B Stuart, J Serdaris, G Grief

Sydney Bulldogs: Full-back: R Silva; three-quarters: J Williams, J Timu, J McCracken, D Halligan; five-eighth: T Lamb (c); half: C Polla-Mounter; forwards: J Dymock, S Gillies, J Smith, D Pay, J Hetherington, D Britt) **Referee: M Oaten (Big League 22nd July 1995)**

For a while there it seemed like old times. The all-in brawl erupted, the Magpies played as if it offended them and they were winning against the odds. And nobody told him to take a look at the calendar. "Something adverse happened to one of our players," Tommy Raudonikis said afterwards, "and they stood up to it." Raudonikis was talking about his 1995-style Magpies. Forgive him, though, if he drifts back to the late 1970s. Yesterday's 18-14 win over the Bulldogs had all the trademarks Raudonikis, Donnelly, Boyd and Co made their own when the Magpies were really the fibro-dwellers. "I was proud of them when they did that," Raudonikis said of the brawl, spurred by a tackle by Bulldog hooker Brett Hetherington on centre Ken McGuinness. "It was good football. That's the way it should be played - tough. That's what's missing in the game today, not enough toughness. It was good to see a few of our boys bleeding, I was nearly out the window." That's how the Magpies upset the more-fancied Bulldogs, all grit and gall at Campbelltown Sports Stadium. Having broken away to a 14-2 lead only to let the score drift back to 14-all, Wests broke free when fullback Andrew Leeds scored out wide with eight minutes remaining. It was sweet redemption for Leeds. Up until his try, he had missed five goal attempts, finding the wood on three of those occasions. His final attempt bounced off the post to set the scene for a terrific struggle to end the match. "We're a bit flat," Bulldogs' coach Chris Anderson conceded. "We weren't on our game and we let a couple of try scoring opportunities slip early in the game and they got their tails up. It's a game we should have won, but what can you say? They played very well." The Bulldogs were disappointing. Terry Lamb and Jim Dymock both had the flu and Anderson replaced them early, only to send them back in to try to dampen the fiery Magpies. Jason Smith's season is in doubt after being replaced late in the first half with a torn medial ligament. Smith will be out for four to six weeks, and an operation will mean even longer off the field. A specialist will determine the extent of the injury tomorrow. An indication of the Magpies' spirit came with only minutes remaining in the game. The Dogs were attacking Wests' line while Jim Serdaris continued to move up in the line, vomiting the whole time. Serdaris had nothing left but continued giving as the Dogs came at them. Then the Bulldogs dropped the ball. Still, Wests just couldn't put the game away. Working out of their own half they kicked out on the full. Having tackled for five they gave a penalty away. Imagine the relief then, when the ball was turned over on the first tackle with 30 seconds remaining. The Magpies actually threw their hands in the air. Tommy reached for another cigarette. **(The Sun-Herald 23rd July 1995)**

Notes: This was a very badly needed win for Wests, moving them up to 7th on the competition table. A very big all-in brawl followed Ken McGuinness being floored with a head-high tackle. There was a lot of blood flowing but also a lot of good football. Cherry Mescia's move to half and Jim Serdaris back to hooker seemed to work well, but it was the inspirational leadership of Paul Langmack that was a decisive factor. Andrew Leeds only kicked one out of seven goals but scored the match-winning try late in the match.