



1994 Round 17 Sunday 24th July Campbelltown Stadium



Western Suburbs 28

def.

Newcastle 14

Andrew LEEDS
Paul SMITH
Brandon PEARSON
Ken McGUINNESS
Darren WILLIS
Josh WHITE
Jason ALCHIN
Steve GEORGALLIS
Paul LANGMACK
Stephen KEARNEY
Glenn GRIEF
Jim SERDARIS (c)
Brent STUART
Peter SHIELS
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

Robbie O'DAVIS
Nathan BARNES
Jamie AINSCOUGH
Russell WYER
Brad GODDEN
Matthew JOHNS
Andrew JOHNS
Marc GLANVILLE
Adam MUIR
Darren TREACY
Paul HARRAGON
Robbie McCORMACK
Mark SARGENT (c)
Tony BUTTERFIELD
Paul MARQUET
David SMITH

Tries Paul SMITH (2)
Darren WILLIS
Andrew LEEDS
Stephen KEARNEY

Andrew JOHNS
Brad GODDEN

Goals Andrew LEEDS (4)

Andrew JOHNS (3)

Match Description

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

Newcastle: Full-back: R O'Davis; three-quarters: N Barnes, J Ainscough, R Wyer, B Godden; five-eighth: M Johns; half: A Johns; forwards: M Glanville, A Muir, D Treacy, P Harragon, R McCormack, M Sargent (c) **Referee: E Ward (Daily Telegraph 25th July 1994)**

Caretaker coach Wayne Ellis, who masterminded Western Suburbs 28-14 win over Newcastle yesterday, revealed in his first week his players thought he was a lunatic. After taking over the reins from Warren Ryan, Ellis told his stunned troops that the answers to their problems were simple. It is unlikely that the Magpies consider Ellis a loose cannon anymore after his game plan worked to stunning effect against the Knights. "We worked on the simple things today and that is what won us the game," Ellis said. When Ellis replaced Ryan, he stepped into the toughest job in the Winfield Cup. After all the drama at Campbelltown there was a risk the club could have ended up a shambles by the end of the season. But in 13 days Ellis has produced a side playing an entertaining brand of football and displaying plenty of enthusiasm. He may not be the most high-profile coach in the competition, but he is one of the most down to earth and knowledgeable. Ellis was again coy yesterday about whether he would be a candidate for the first-grade job next season, nor was he expecting an announcement about who would have the job this week. And he revealed the team had some added incentive going into the game with the Knights. "At the end of the day the players and I were sick of being abused by crowds and slagged off in the media," he said. "It's been going on all the time and we just thought we would shut you people up. And I guess we did." ... Ellis also revealed that under his regime the side is treating the last six games of the season as a mini competition. "We are keeping our own for and against, and I think we're doing OK at this stage in comparison to what it may have been before," he said. Ellis' decision to move Steve Georgallis from five-eighth to lock was another move that was vindicated against the Knights. The pick of the Magpies, Georgallis was constantly involved in the play and held his own against the giant Knights' pack. "I moved him there mainly for his work rate and I just thought he looks more like a lock - although he would disagree vehemently," Ellis said. And the caretaker coach said Georgallis may as well get used to packing into the scrum because that's where he is going to stay. "Those Newcastle forwards are the biggest I've ever seen in my life," said a stiff and sore Georgallis, nursing four corks after the game, "but once we got on top of them they seemed to take a backwards step." Georgallis added that only Test prop Paul Harragon continued to take it up to Wests all game. ... "We played with some sense of anxiety and that is a problem we've had this season," said coach David Waite. "We seem to lose our calm with the football." Waite added that the Knights went through a very difficult 18-minute in the first half when they were penalised five times in a row and had play called back twice for forward passes. **(The Daily Telegraph Mirror 25th July 1994)**

Notes: The decision by caretaker coach, Wayne Ellis, to give the team open reign to throw the ball around, paid dividends with his first win. The move of five-eighth, Steve Georgallis, to lock proved a match-winner, as the Wests' pack slowly got on top of the big Newcastle six. Darren Willis and Josh White also had outstanding games. White and Pearson were both snapped up with two-year contracts.