



1993 Round 17 Sunday 25th July Campbelltown Stadium



Newcastle 20

Robbie O'DAVIS
 Brad GODDEN
 Adrian BRUNKER
 Michael HAGAN (c)
 Jamie AINSCOUGH
 Matthew JOHNS
 Matthew RODWELL
 Marc GLANVILLE
 Tony BUTTERFIELD
 David BOYD
 Paul HARRAGON
 Robbie McCORMACK
 Mark SARGENT
 Adrian MUIR
 Steve CROWE

def.

Western Suburbs 11

Andrew LEEDS
 Darren WILLIS
 Damien McGARRY
 Terry HILL
 Russell WYER
 Steve GEORGALLIS
 Jason TAYLOR
 Paul LANGMACK (c)
 Stephen KEARNEY
 Joe THOMAS
 Matt RYAN
 Jason ALCHIN
 Craig MENKINS
 Scott HARDY
 Glenn GRIEF
 David ANDERSON



Tries Robbie O'DAVIS
 Paul HARRAGON
 Jamie AINSCOUGH

Russell WYER

Goals Adrian BRUNKER (4)

Jason TAYLOR (4) One field goal

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Willis, D McGarry, T Hill, R Wyer; five-eighth: S Georgallis; half; J Taylor; forwards: P Langmack (c), S Kearney, J Thomas, M Ryan, J Alchin, C Menkins

Newcastle: Full-back: R O'Davis; three-quarters: B Godden, A Bruncker, M Hagan (c), J Ainscough; five-eighth: M Johns; half: M Rodwell; forwards: M Glanville, T Butterfield, D Boyd, P Harragon, R McCormack, M Sargent **Referee: S Clark (Daily Telegraph 26th July 1993)**

Newcastle yesterday fielded their strongest ever pack and it paved the way for their 20-11 win over Western Suburbs at Campbelltown. That was how Knights' coach, David Waite, described Marc Glanville, Tony Butterfield, David Boyd, Paul Harragon, Robbie McCormack and Mark Sargent after the game. "We probably had the best six forwards in the club's history on the park," Waite added. And he added that the pack went about their business very well, especially with their strong defensive effort at the start of the second half. "Wests had the ball nine times to our one and we hung in until the last 15 minutes without the ball," Waite said. "That is where we won the game." The standout forward was lock Marc Glanville whose defensive effort in particular was inspiring. In the 68th minute he saved a certain try by pulling off a glorious covering tackle on Paul Langmack which forced the Magpie's skipper in touch just short of the Newcastle tryline. When he got up Langmack acknowledged Glanville's effort by giving him a small pat on the pack. "He said it was good tackle but he was dirty because I had stopped him scoring," Glanville said. The former St George forward did not have an auspicious start to the day when he arrived at Campbelltown Sports Ground. While getting his gear out of the team bus Glanville hit his head, causing a wound which required stitches. "The doctor said it was the first time he has had to give a player stitches before a game," Glanville said afterwards. But that mishap did not dampen any of Glanville's enthusiasm during his side's hard-fought and gritty win. Glanville revealed there was also a special bond between the six members of the Knights' pack. "Most of us have been together at the club since we started and there is a lot of experience there," he said. But he said second-rower Boyd was off to English club Halifax at the end of the season, while Butterfield and McCormack had not yet been signed by the club for next year. "This will probably be the last time we play together," Glanville said. And it is clear they intend to finish their association this season on a high note. Glanville will definitely stay with the Knights after signing a new contract until the end of 1995. Wests' coach Warren Ryan said it was difficult playing a team such as Newcastle with a big pack that was good at picking up yardage. The Magpies looked the better side in the first half, with Jason Alchin making real in-roads into the opposition territory with good runs from dummy half. Half Jason Taylor also did a sound job organising his side and gaining good ground with judicious kicking. He will be a big loss for the club next season. The game hung in the balance until the end and a try by Newcastle winger Jamie Ainscough with one minute remaining gave a score which was not truly a representation of the closeness of the encounter. Wests also paid the price for failing to turn several scoring opportunities into points during the game. That has been a cause of concern for most of a disappointing season. **(The Daily Telegraph Mirror 26th July 1993)**

Notes: Wests were well in the match, leading 7-6 at half-time and the match was only fully won in the 79th minute with Ainscough's try. Newcastle's best pack for two years held out Wests for 11 sets in the second half in a match-winning defensive display. Wests 'blew' three tries in this period. Jason Alchin was very effective with his dummy-half running and it was only an uncharacteristic error by Andrew Leeds which led to a Newcastle try that turned the game.