



# 1996 Round 18 Saturday 3rd August Campbelltown Stadium



## Western Suburbs 24

def.

## Canberra 16

Andrew LEEDS  
 Darren WILLIS  
 Aseri LAING  
 Brandon PEARSON  
 Paul SMITH  
 Steve GEORGALLIS  
 Andrew WILLIS  
 Paul LANGMACK (c)  
 Damian KENNEDY  
 Bill DUNN  
 Justin DOOLEY  
 Ciriaco MESCIA  
 Harvey HOWARD  
 Darren CAPOVILLA  
 Chad HARRIS  
 Mark AFFLICK  
 Kevin McGUINNESS

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

Ken NAGAS  
 Steve COLLINS  
 David BOYLE  
 Ruben WIKI  
 Noa NADRUKU  
 Laurie DALEY (c)  
 Steve STONE  
 David FURNER  
 Brett HETHERINGTON  
 Bruce MAMANDO  
 Luke DAVICO  
 Steve WALTERS  
 Mark CORVO  
 Albert FULIVAI  
 Simon WOODFORD  
 Todd PAYTEN  
 Bert TABUI

**Tries**  
 Darren WILLIS  
 Andrew LEEDS  
 Brandon PEARSON  
 Aseri LAING

Ken NAGAS  
 Noa NADRUKU

**Goals**  
 Andrew LEEDS (3)  
 Andrew WILLIS (1)

David FURNER (4)

### Match Description

**Canberra:** Full-back: K Nagas; three-quarters: S Collins, D Boyle, R Wiki, N Nadruku; five-eighth: L Daley (c); half: S Stone; forwards: D Furner, B Hetherington, B Mamando, L Davico, S Walters, M Corvo

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Willis, A Laing, B Pearson, P Smith; five-eighth: S Georgallis; half: A Willis; forwards: P Langmack (c), D Kennedy, B Dunn, J Dooley, C Mescia, H Howard **Referee: N Almond (Daily Telegraph 4th August 1996)**

Count on Steve Georgallis being there next week. With a can in his hand after yesterday's game - a 24-16 win over Canberra - Georgallis was sitting next to coach Tom Raudonikis in the dressing room, healing as best he can. His left hand was wrapped in ice and his left eye showed a trickle of blood from two cuts. Raudonikis wiped the hair away from Georgallis' forehead, accidentally brushed the eye cuts, and declared "Don't worry about next week, mate, you'll be there. We'll cut the plaster off if we have too." Raudonikis laughed. They play Brisbane next week and the fear within the Magpie camp is that the hardy number six has broken his thumb. Georgallis was forced to leave the game at various stages for pain-killing injections but you couldn't find a better example to sum up the Magpies win - it was built on heart. The only blight was an incident between Canberra captain Laurie Daley and Wests' hooker Cherry Mescia that saw referee Kelvin Jeffes report Mescia. While it may take some of the shine from the win there was still plenty left to celebrate. After tinkering with his team strategy, Raudonikis has now knocked over Canterbury and Canberra in successive weeks to remain in the top eight against expectations. Wests moved to 21 points yesterday and, depending on other results this weekend, have left Canberra in danger of being eliminated from the eight. The Magpies trailed 10-8 at halftime and, although they enjoyed the better field position, there was suspicion that Canberra's class would eventually win through. The Magpie players were playing high on emotion, pumping each other up in defence and scrambling on both sides of the ball. But as the game wore on it was the Raiders who became more and more ragged. From the kick-off, they kicked out on the full twice and ran over the sideline early in the tackle count. A try to Brandon Pearson eight minutes after the break put Wests ahead. Another soon after when the Magpies ran the ball on the 5th put the word upset in the air. Behind 18-10 now, Canberra turned inward and tried to lift themselves. Ken Nagas was disallowed a try but scored soon after. By this stage, though, the Magpies had their measure. Georgallis, consistently catching the Canberra's defence short on the inside, worked a runaround with Paul Langmack before finding Andrew Leeds who pushed through two weak tacklers to seal the win. **(The Sun-Herald 4th August 1996)**

**Notes:** Steve Georgallis, needing multiple pain-killing injections, was the outstanding player for Wests, in an emotion-charged upset win against the odds. Harvey Howard was a very dominant forward up front, often making charges through the middle of the ruck. Stalwarts Langmack and Leeds were also very strong, particularly in the second half, when needed. The win put Wests into the top eight.