1989 Round 18 Sunday 30th July Orana Park

Western Suburbs 34

def.

North Sydney 4





Danny PEACOCK Wayne SIMONDS Jason STAFFORD Garry SCHOFIELD **Graham MACKAY** Jason LIDDEN Richard SMITH Ellery HANLEY (c) Cameron BLAIR Dave GALLAGHER Pat O'DOHERTY Shane FLANAGAN Dave WOODS Gary BUKOWSKI **Brendon TUUTA** Ian HOWCROFT Chris BLAIR

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

John McARTHUR Les KISS **Brett FRENCH** Kelly EGAN **Kevin THOMPSON Greg FLORIMO** Scott GALE Paul BEAVEN Kevin MARR **Gary LARSON** Steve HANSON Tony REA (c) Martin BELLA Andrew FOORD Clayton FRIEND Billy MOORE

Tries Garry SCHOFIELD (3)

Brendon TUUTA Danny PEACOCK Graham MACKAY Ellery HANLEY

Goals Pat O'DOHERTY (2)

Graham MACKAY (1)

Kevin THOMPSON

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back: J McArthur; three-quarters: L Kiss, B French, K Egan, K Thompson; five-eighth: G Florimo; half: S Gale; forwards: P Beavan, K Marr, G Larson, S Hanson, T Rea (c), M Bella

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Peacocks; three-quarters: G Mackay, G Schofield, J Stafford, W Simonds; five-eighth: J Lidden; half: R Smith; forwards: E Hanley (c), C Blair, D Gallagher, D Woods, S Flanagan, P O'Doherty Referee: P Cooley (Big League 2nd August 1989)

English Test centre Garry Schofield farewelled his adopted Western Suburbs club in sensational style yesterday with three second-half tries in the Magpies' scintillating 34-4 win over Norths. Schofield was chaired from the field at full-time as the Magpies destroyed Norths' defence which was left a man down when international prop Martin Bella was sent off on a charge of head-butting in the 31st minute. ... It was Schofield who ripped the heart out of the Bears with his trio of touchdowns in the space of only nine minutes. Leading 14-4 at the break, the English ace's first try – a freakish effort seven minutes into the second half – all but wrapped up the two competition points and stretched Wests' amazing run to five wins in six matches. Schofield showed all his experience as he half-volleyed a low pass from winger Wayne Simonds 40 metres out from the Bears' line, kicked through again and swooped the ball up brilliantly before it trickled into touch. Skipper Ellery Hanley laid Schofield's next two tries on with effortless busts from inside his own territory and scored himself in the 28th minute of the first half in a memorable show of Pommie power. Schofield's display further enhanced the Magpies' hopes of re-signing him for next season. Although he will return to his English club Leeds today to prepare for the up-coming season and Tests against New Guinea and New Zealand next year, Schofield is looking forward to coming back to Wests in 1990. ... Wests' coach John Bailey admitted the club's short marriage with Schofield had been so successful that they had already offered a deal to extend his current stay until the semi-finals. Bailey said he was impressed by the team effort against Norths, but said they were slow in the opening stanza. "They were a bit slow to start because I think they were a little cocky after last week's win over Parramatta," he said. "But they showed a lot of fight when they didn't let 'em (Norths) in for a try in the second half." The Magpies should have gone closer to 50 points yesterday but could manage only three goals from eight attempts through winger Graham Mackay and prop Pat O'Doherty. But with Schofield's magic and one of the season's best solo tries from full-back Danny Peacock, the Wests' dressing room was quietly confident of another bold showing against Brisbane next weekend. Peacock's touchdown midway through the first half brought the crowd to its feet. The exciting youngster latched on to a Mackay pass on halfway and exploded through the Bears' defence to crash through full-back John McArthur to score in the right corner. ... (Daily Telegraph 31st July 1989)

Notes: Ellery Hanley and Garry Schofield were absolute stars in this blitz of the Bears. Schofield scored three brilliant second half tries, while Hanley had a hand in five of the seven tries scored. Cameron Blair, fresh from rejecting a big Manly offer and re-signing, had a blinder, while Danny Peacock's try was regarded as one of the best of the season.

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