



# 1991 Round 19 Friday 2nd August Campbelltown Stadium



## Western Suburbs 6

drew with

## St George 6

Jamie AINSCOUGH  
 Wayne SIMONDS  
 Andrew FARRAR  
 Tony COSATTO  
 Stan PRESDEE  
 Jason LIDDEN  
 Jason TAYLOR  
 Graeme WYNN  
 David GILLESPIE  
 Joe THOMAS (c)  
 Steve JACKSON  
 Shane FLANAGAN  
 Darren BRITT  
 Cameron BLAIR  
 Ivan HENJAK

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

Michael POTTER  
 Ricky WALFORD  
 Mark COYNE  
 Michael BEATTIE (c)  
 Martin OFFIAH  
 Peter COYNE  
 Troy HODGES  
 Jeff HARDY  
 Scott GOURLEY  
 Tony PRIDDLE  
 Paul OSBORNE  
 Matthew ELLIOTT  
 Neil TIERNEY  
 Sean McVEAN  
 Wayne COLLINS  
 Peter GILL



### Tries

**Goals** Jason TAYLOR (3)

Ricky WALFORD (3)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Ainscough; three-quarters: S Presdee, T Cosatto, A Farrar, W Simonds; five-eighth: J Lidden; half: J Taylor; forwards: G Wynn, D Gillespie, J Thomas (c), S Jackson, S Flanagan, D Britt

**St George:** Full-back: M Potter; three-quarters: R Walford, M Coyne, M Beattie (c), M Offiah; five-eighth: P Coyne; half: T Hodges; forwards: J Hardy, S Gourley, T Priddle, P Osborne, M Elliott, N Tierney **Referee: E Ward (Big League 7th August 1991)**

Jamie Ainscough, Ricky Walford, Matthew Elliott and Jason Taylor were the names to remember from last night's dour 6-6 stalemate at Campbelltown Sports Ground. Each was a participant in crucial incidents on which the fate of the game swung before a record crowd. Walford broke away three minutes from the end with only Wests' fullback Jamie Ainscough in front of him. The winger kicked ahead and his pace seemed to make him a certainty to score. Ainscough deliberately impeded him to save four or perhaps six points and although Walford kicked the resultant penalty, it seemed scant compensation. There was discussion whether Ainscough should have been sin-binned or even sent off, but referee Eddie Ward deemed the penalty sufficient. There was even more discussion about whether a penalty try was applicable, but it would have been a brave decision with Walford almost 40m from the line. Not surprisingly, St George coach Brian Smith thought it was warranted and Walford was adamant he would have scored. "When was the last time you saw a penalty try?" Smith asked. "Mark Coyne was 10m behind Walford but he was the first one to get to the ball." The other incident which would have given Wests victory near the siren saw field goal specialist Taylor pot the ball between the posts, but Elliott's despairing hand touched it in flight to save the day, or rather the night. "I suppose they watched the game last week (against Manly)," Taylor said. "They knew it was on." Seldom have lines been so clearly drawn in a match. There was the magnificent, unyielding defence of Wests, unsupported by flair and pace in attack. Instead, they were reliant on discipline and regimentation. This was matched against St George's abundant pace and attacking skill. Wests had the better control, and looked the better team in the second half, but St George created three clear chances, including Walford's, which came to nothing. "I thought our blokes did bloody well," Wests' coach Warren Ryan said. Coach Smith made his plan known when he started the game with forwards Paul Osborne and Tony Priddle and left hooker Wayne Collins on the bench. With Elliott prominent, they did pretty well in matching the Wests' six and halves Troy Hodges and Peter Coyne schemed for chances wider out. Smith was pretty well satisfied, controversies apart. "It was classic pressure play, real semi-final football – whatever all those cliches are you want to use," he said. One of the St George chances came when first Wests' Tony Cosatto knocked on 30m from his line in the first half and quick hands gave Walford a straight run to the corner. A magnificent covering lunge from Jason Lidden caused him to hit the corner post. "Give Wests credit for that." Smith said. Wests made plenty of metres up the middle but seldom looked to have anyone capable of putting the ball over the line. Credit them with guts, unflagging spirit and judicious use of limited resources which don't compare with the other semi-final contenders on paper. Credit St George with showing they have the quality to compete with top teams in tight games. **(Sydney Morning Herald 3rd August 1991)**

**Notes:** This was a real semi-final-type battle, with strong defence the feature. David Gillespie led the forwards strongly, with Joe Thomas and Darren Britt not far behind. Stan Presdee, back on the wing, also had a great game. The game finished in controversy with Jamie Ainscough hampering Ricky Walford when he looked a good chance to score, after a chip-kick. Walford kicked the penalty goal, but St George felt robbed. Right on time, a Jason Taylor match-winning field goal was touched in flight.