



1993 Round 19 Sunday 8th August Campbelltown Stadium



Western Suburbs 26

def.

North Sydney 18



Andrew LEEDS
Darren WILLIS
Terry HILL
Steve GEORGALLIS
Russell WYER
Jason LIDDEN
Jason TAYLOR
Jason BENGÉ
Stephen KEARNEY
Scott HARDY
Kyle WHITE
Jason ALCHIN (c)
Mark AFFLICK
Chris WILLIAMS
David ANDERSON
Justin DOOLEY
Andrew WILLIS

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

Greg BARWICK
Craig MAKEPEACE
John McARTHUR
David HALL
Daryl HALLIGAN
Greg FLORIMO
Noel SOLOMON
Billy MOORE
Craig WILSON
Gary LARSON
Mario FENECH
Tony REA (c)
Gavin JONES
Adrian TOOLE
Chris CARUANA
George BARTLETT

Tries Scott HARDY (2)
Russell WYER
Chris WILLIAMS
Jason LIDDEN

John McARTHUR
David HALL
Greg FLORIMO

Goals Jason TAYLOR (3)

Daryl HALLIGAN (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Willis, S Georgallis, T Hill, R Wyer; five-eighth: J Lidden; half: J Taylor; forwards: J Bengé, S Kearney, S Hardy, K White, J Alchin, M Afflick

North Sydney: Full-back: G Barwick; three-quarters: C Makepiece, J McArthur, D Hall, D Halligan; five-eighth: G Florimo; half: N Solomon; forwards: W Moore, C Wilson, G Larson, M Fenech, T Rea, G Jones **Referee: D Manson (Daily Telegraph 9th August 1993)**

The trip to the Football Stadium in September is long and arduous. North Sydney discovered that yesterday when on their travels via Leumeah, the wheels fell off their bus. Motoring so well for so long early in the season, Norths are now under pressure – so much so that their fate is in the hands of other teams. They can only hope the nuisance teams such as Wests do unto others as was done to Norths yesterday. Norths lost fair and square, which is to say they weren't robbed by anyone other than themselves. They allowed Wests a 14-0 half-time lead – a hurdle they were unable to overcome despite the technicality that they actually hit the front at one stage. They ran in three quick tries after half-time, but then ran out of ideas, and lost 26-18. Coach Peter Louis was later to lament "too much wasted opportunity" from a team which "did not play with a real lot of intelligence." Indeed, it appeared Norths should have been the early leaders. Noel Solomon was kicking well and David Hall was making cutting runs, but the tries did not eventuate. Having absorbed the pressure, Wests exploited their freedom. They played with the devil-may-care attitude of a club which has nothing to lose, as indeed they don't. So, Norths were unprepared for the wonderful break which Andrew Leeds made from his own line. In desperation, Hall delayed the play some 70 metres later and was sin-binned. Anyone other than Hall might not have made much difference, but with Hall went Norths' attacking options. .. So, at half-time, Wests had swept to a commanding lead with everyone seemingly ignited by the spirit of youthful enthusiasm, otherwise known as playing without pressure. Terry Hill was energetic and providing some wonderful space for Russell Wyer. Stephen Kearney was a non-stop worker and Jason Taylor, engaged in an interesting technical one-on-one with rival half Solomon was always dangerous. By contrast, it was hard to find a Norths' hero. Solomon's early spark seemed to have died with Hall's sin-binning and Norths slowed to pedestrian pace as Wests buzzed around them and as a result were warmly applauded by the home crowd at half-time. The second half in which Norths bunged on three quick tries was as stark a contrast as you'd want. All of a sudden, we had a football game and what a game it was. You could forgive the errors as Norths struggled back from what looked to be the brink of disaster. Wests worked on the basis that if they threw three passes, two of them would come off. Then Norths, denied possession at a critical stage of the second half, were unable to extend their lead. Wests sensed an unlikely victory and proceeded to gain it. As Norths' coach Louis said alter: "We knew it was going to be tough." **(The Daily Telegraph Mirror 9th August 1993)**

Notes: With Terry Hill finally finding his old form, Wests led 14-0 at half-time but let Norths back into the match, allowing in 3 quick tries. They steadied after that to take control again, with Stephen Kearney dominant and easily the best forward on the field. Jason Bengé debuted at lock in a team that was clearly lacking experience. Jason Taylor's head-to-head with Noel Solomon was an absorbing duel.