

1993 Round 2 Sunday 21st March Newcastle Sports

Newcastle 18 def. Western Suburbs 9

Robbie O'DAVIS Steve GEORGALLIS **Fullback** Tony HERMAN Mark BELL Wing Adrian BRUNKER Centre Terry HILL Tony KEMP Centre Steve O'DEA Jamie AINSCOUGH Darren WILLIS Wing Michael HAGAN Five-eighth Damien McGARRY Matthew RODWELL Half Jason TAYLOR Marc GLANVILLE Lock Jason LIDDEN David MULLANE Second Row Stephen KEARNEY David BOYD Second Row David GILLESPIE (c) Paul HARRAGON (c) Front Row **Kyle WHITE** Robbie McCORMACK Hooker Jason ALCHIN Darren BRITT Mark SARGENT Front Row Paul MARQUET Replacement Justin DOOLEY Jason MARTIN Replacement Paul LANGMACK

Replacement

Russell WYER

Darren WILLIS

Tries Jamie AINSCOUGH (2)

Tony KEMP

Tony BUTTERFIELD

Goals Adrian BRUNKER (3) Jason TAYLOR (3) One field goal

Match Description

Newcastle: Full-back: R O'Davis; three-quarters: T Herman, A Brinker, T Kemp, J Ainscough; five-eighth: M Hagan; half: M Rodwell; forwards: M Glanville, D Mullane, D Boyd, P Harragon, R McCormack, M Sargent

Western Suburbs: Full-back: S Georgallis; three-quarters: M Bell, S O'Dea, T Hill, D Willis; five-eighth: D McGarry; half: J Taylor; forwards: J Lidden, S Kearney, D Gillespie (c), K White, J Alchin Referee: S Clark (Daily Telegraph 22nd March 1993)

Newcastle are expected to cite Wests' prop Kyle White for a head-high tackle during their 18-9 defeat of the Magpies at Marathon Stadium yesterday. Newcastle chief executive Mike Armstrong said a video replay of White's tackle on Knights second-rower Paul Marquet in the 54th minute left little doubt about White's guilt. Newcastle fans roared for White's dismissal, but referee Stephen Clark did not take any action. ... After his tackle, White may have thought himself lucky to avoid punishment, doubly so considering his team was protecting a hard-earned 9-6 lead. But it was the beginning of the end for the Magpies. Until then, the Knights had been stubbornly undisciplined and error-prone. But feeling wronged by the hit on Marquet, they responded immediately by lifting their game, adding ferocity to their tackles and urgency and commitment to their attack. Slowly, the Magpies lost their composure. Their replacement fullback, Russell Wyer, couldn't catch a high kick by Newcastle, and the ball popped into the hands of Knights' winger Jamie Ainscough, who ran 20m to score and give his side a 10-9 lead. Wyer had come on for starting fullback Steve Georgallis, himself a replacement for injured regular custodian Andrew Leeds before leaving the field in the 45th minute with a shoulder injury. Soon after, Newcastle centre Tony Kemp crashed past Wests' second-rower Stephen Kearney, and the hapless Wyer, to score and help put the match beyond doubt at 16-9. Wests' final indignity came when their best player, Jason Taylor - who had controlled the match in the first half with his ball distribution and kicking - was sin-binned in the 70th minute for striking at the ball in a play-the-ball. But for all the predictable carping by the Knights about Clark's performance, and despite his miss of the White high tackle, the young referee had an outstanding game. He caned the Knights 12-7 in the penalties simply because he refused to be intimidated by their constant off-side tactics early in the game, and other minor infringements calculated to slow down Wests. Names didn't worry Clark. He penalised Knights' prop Paul Harragon in the second minute for back-chatting, and sin-binned him again in the second half when Harragon did it again. This wasn't lost on Magpies 'coach Warren Ryan. "I thought the referee showed a lot of bravery and nerve to stand up to the Newcastle crowd," he said. "I think he's the brightest young star on the mentality tough block. He stuck to his guns and penalised Newcastle when they should have been penalised." Ryan said he did not see White's hit on Marquet. Man-of-the-match awards went to Knights' lock Marc Glanville, but Newcastle's outstanding player was centre Brunker, who managed to shut down Wests' most dangerous attacking player, centre Terry Hill, with suffocating defence. Hill wasn't sighted in the match. ... (Sydney Morning Herald 22nd March 1993)

Notes: Wests were leading 9-6 at the 54th minute mark in a slogging affair, played on a bog in driving rain, when a Kyle White tackle on replacement forward Paul Marquet seemed to spur on Newcastle and they finished strongly. Jason Taylor was again clearly Wests' best but it was the match-winning tactic of Newcastle to completely shut Terry Hill out of the game that was the difference.

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