



1991 Round 2 Sunday 24th March Campbelltown Stadium



North Sydney 18

def.

Western Suburbs 15

Paul CONLON
 Daryl HALLIGAN
 Greg FLORIMO
 Peter JACKSON
 David HALL
 Phil BLAKE
 Jason MARTIN
 Peter McPHAIL
 Gary LARSON
 Mario FENECH
 Adrian TOOLE
 Tony REA (c)
 David ALEXANDER
 Mark SODEN
 Les KISS
 Gary SMITH
 David FAIRLEIGH

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

Shaun DEVINE
 Tony COSATTO
 Russell WYER
 Jamie AINSCOUGH
 Stephen BURNS
 Jim DYMOCK
 Jason TAYLOR
 Jason LIDDEN
 Cameron BLAIR
 Steve JACKSON
 David GILLESPIE (c)
 Joe THOMAS
 Tony RAMPLING
 Noel GOLDTHORPE
 Darren BRITT
 Ron GIBBS



Tries
 Gary LARSON
 David HALL
 Greg FLORIMO

Tony RAMPLING
 Shaun DEVINE

Goals
 Daryl HALLIGAN (3)

Jason TAYLOR (3) One Field Goal
 Shaun DEVINE (1)

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back: P Conlon; three-quarters: D Halligan, G Florimo, P Jackson, D Hall; five-eighth: P Blake; half: J Martin; forwards: D Alexander, T Rea (c), A Toole, M Fenech, G Larson, P McPhail

Western Suburbs: Full-back: S Devine; three-quarters: T Cosatto, R Wyer, J Ainscough, S Burns; five-eighth: J Dymock; half: J Taylor; forwards: J Lidden, C Blair, S Jackson, D Gillespie (c), J Thomas, T Rampling **Referee: N Almond (Big League 27th March 1991)**

North Sydney centre Greg Florimo's burst of intuition yesterday would have done a clairvoyant proud. His anticipation to snatch an intercept pass and dash 90 metres for the vital try in the 18-15 win against Wests was phenomenal. The try, in the first minute of the second half, came as Wests pressed menacingly for the try that would have increased their 5-4 lead and perhaps clinched the game. Florimo swept on to a lofted pass from Wests' half Jason Taylor that was a crucial point in the match but not totally unexpected in the North Sydney camp. "We watched Wests this week on video," Florimo said. "We knew about Wests' second-phase play and about Taylor coming across the ruck. An intercept was always on." Video was the bane of Taylor's life after costing his team two tries against a North Sydney side that came to Campbelltown knowing more about his playing habits than he probably knows himself. Norths' coach Steve Martin said a video analysis of Wests' playing style revealed Taylor as a weakness. "We went out there to put his game under pressure," he said. "We believed he could be pressured." Taylor, 20, was a shattered man in the dressing room yesterday after his two nightmare moments provided two vital tries. "Probably, if I had to do it over again, I would still throw the pass," he said. "We had an overlap. If he doesn't take the intercept, we score." Taylor said the mistakes had affected his thinking and he accepted his replacement late in the game. Florimo's try from Taylor's pass left Wests at 5-10 with 39 minutes to play and in a hole. A try to Norths' lock Gary Larson 12 minutes later from a charge-down of a Taylor kick, covered them with soil. Sadly, for Taylor, whose first-grade spot is now under enormous pressure from experienced Ivan Henjak, his two mistakes were crucial. Except for the two errors, the Warren Ryan-coached Wests competed fiercely with Norths, leading 5-4 at half-time and looking capable of holding them out in the second half. Had Taylor's pass been taken by a Wests' player, the entire trend of the match might have changed. Wests' problem was a sense of adventure in possession by a youthful backline that is alien to any side Ryan has ever coached. Talented, but green enough to hide on a cabbage leaf, Wests' backs chipped early in tackle counts, attempted impossible passes and gave every indication they will benefit from the inclusion next week of veteran centre Andrew Farrar as baby-sitter. "We call Andrew "Pop" and these are his boys," Ryan said. "I wasn't completely unhappy with our effort, even though there were some untidy performances." One Wests' player to impress was five-eighth Jim Dymock, an 18-year-old of exceptional promise. (Daily Telegraph 25th March 1991)

Notes: Wests were again under-manned, with Bob Lindner, Ivan Henjak, Andrew Farrar out, injured. In a dour struggle, Norths targeted half Jason Taylor, who made two crucial errors, the intercept try by Greg Florimo being the turning point of the match. Jim Dymock again impressed in his second match.