



1989 Round 2 Saturday 25th March Orana Park



Parramatta 30

def.

Western Suburbs 10

Andrew FITZHENRY
 Brett ATKINS
 David WOODS
 Brian JACKSON
 Mark ROBINSON
 Brett KENNY
 Peter STERLING (c)
 Mark LAURIE
 Andrew LANGFORD
 Peter WYNN
 Mark CLINTON
 Peter MARTIN
 Geoff BUGDEN
 Jeremy TICEHURST
 Paul TAYLOR
 Tony COSATTO
 Eric GROTHE

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

Danny PEACOCK
 Shane LEIGH
 Jason LIDDEN
 Jason STAFFORD
 Graham MACKAY
 Doug RAWLINGS
 Wayne SIMONDS
 Cameron BLAIR (c)
 Dave GALLAGHER
 Ian SCHUBERT
 Dave WOODS
 Alan FALLAH
 Pat O'DOHERTY
 Trevor COGGER
 Steve FUNNELL
 Allen GEELAN
 Michael MCKINNON



Tries

Mark LAURIE
 Brett KENNY
 Brian JACKSON
 Eric GROTHE
 Andrew FITZHENRY

Danny PEACOCK

Goals

Andrew FITZHENRY (5)

Graham MACKAY (3)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: A Fitzhenry; three-quarters: B Atkins, B Jackson, D Woods, M Robinson; five-eighth: B Kenny; half: P Sterling (c); forwards: M Laurie, A Langford, P Wynn, M Clinton, P Martin, G Bugden

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Peacock; three-quarters: G Mackay, J Lidden, J Stafford, S Leigh; five-eighth: D Rawlings; half: W Simonds; forwards: C Blair (c), D Gallagher, I Schubert, D Woods, A Fallah, P O'Doherty **Referee: M Stone (Big League 22nd March 1989)**

Western Suburbs' captain Cameron Blair may have saved Parramatta centre, Tony Cosatto, from serious injury at Orana Park yesterday. Cosatto, brought on as a replacement in the second half was on the field for only a minute when he was sandwiched in a tackle. Blair, who was involved in the tackle, initially congratulated himself but quickly realised something was terribly wrong. "I saw Cosatto was starting to shake, and his face turned a different colour," Blair said. "I have had a bit of training in this area, and I initially thought he had swallowed his mouthguard. His jaw was locked, and he was starting to gurgle which indicates he could not get his breath." Blair, a student in occupational therapy at Cumberland College, knew exactly what to do to the unconscious Cosatto. Blair rolled Cosatto to the correct position and by the time the Parramatta trainers arrived, Cosatto was starting to breathe normally. In an action-packed match Parramatta scored three converted tries in the last 11 minutes to beat Western Suburbs 30-10 to score their first-ever victory at Wests' home ground. The final scores were not a true indication of the tightness of the game. Parramatta led 6-0 after only 11 minutes and despite a glut of possession and having play deep in Wests' territory for much of the first half, Wests showed plenty of character to withstand the onslaught. It was Wests who looked the more impressive in the 15 minutes before half-time, moving the ball and probing for the holes out wide. At times they surrendered possession early in the tackle count but when their attack clicked Wests had Parramatta in trouble. A fine try to fullback Danny Peacock eight minutes before half-time and three outstanding goals to winger Graham Mackay put Wests ahead 10-6 at the break. The return of former Test winger Eric Grothe to the Parramatta team as a replacement for the injured Mark Robinson had a bigger effect on the game than even coach John Monie would have anticipated. Grothe took the pass at the end of the move involving Peter Sterling, Brett Kenny and Brian Jackson and crashed a couple of defenders out of his way before scoring wide out. Minutes later he snuffed out a Wests' counter-attack when he came across in cover and buried Wests half-back Wayne Simonds who looked likely to score. The Grothe try put Parramatta ahead 12-10 but the real turning point may well have followed the Grothe tackle on Simonds, when the Wests' attack gained momentum again, but Allen Geelan dropped the ball over the Parramatta line. The so-called soft six ... the Parramatta pack did their job against the rugged Wests' forwards well. (Sydney Morning Herald 3rd April 1989)

Notes: Wests stretched Parramatta for 40 minutes and led 10-6 at half-time but it was under sufferance as the old hands, Kenny, Grothe and Sterling led a spirited comeback, and they scored 18 points in the last 12 minutes. Shane Leigh was forced off the field with concussion. Danny Peacock, Jason Lidden and Jason Stafford all had outstanding games.