



1996 Round 2 Sunday 31st March Campbelltown Stadium



Brisbane 36

Willie CARNE
 Michael HANCOCK
 Darren SMITH
 Steve RENOUF
 Wendall SAILOR
 Kevin WALTERS
 Allan LANGER (c)
 Peter RYAN
 Alan CANN
 Brad THORN
 Andrew GEE
 Kerrod WALTERS
 Glenn LAZARUS
 Darren LOCKYER
 John PLATH
 Brett GREEN
 Steele RETCHLESS

def.

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

Western Suburbs 14

Andrew LEEDS
 Darren WILLIS
 Kevin McGUINNESS
 Brandon PEARSON
 Ken McGUINNESS
 Andrew WILLIS
 Craig COLEMAN (c)
 Steve GEORGALLIS
 Chad HARRIS
 Bill DUNN
 Brent STUART
 Ciriaco MESCIA
 Jason DUFF
 Brad HUGHES
 Damian KENNEDY
 Darren BURNS



Tries Willie CARNE (2)
 Kerrod WALTERS
 Darren SMITH
 Steve RENOUF
 Michael HANCOCK

Ken McGUINNESS (2)

Goals Darren LOCKYER (3)
 Willie CARNE (2)
 Allan LANGER (1)

Andrew LEEDS (3)

Match Description

Brisbane: Full-back: W Carne; three-quarters: M Hancock, S Renouf, D Smith, W Sailor; five-eighth: K Walters; half: A Langer (c); forwards: P Ryan, A Cann, B Thorn, A Gee, K Walters, G Lazarus

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Willis, Kevin McGuinness, B Pearson, Ken McGuinness; five-eighth: A Willis; half: C Coleman (c); forwards: S Georgallis, C Harris, B Dunn, J Duff, C Mescia, B Stuart **Referee: P McBlane (Daily Telegraph 1st April 1996)**

West Kiwi prop Brent Stuart was concerned about seeing his name up in lights for all the wrong reasons at Campbelltown Sports Ground yesterday. Not that you could blame him. It was bad enough being part of a side hammered 36-14 by the Broncos without becoming embroiled in two unsavoury incidents. That came in the space of a little more than a minute when the game was all but over. First, Broncos prop Andrew Gee was placed on report by referee Paul McBlane for an alleged dangerous tackle on Stuart and then utility player John Plath was sent off for kicking him. Stuart claimed to be unaware of being kicked by Plath and said he couldn't remember much about the spear tackle by Gee. There was no shortage of enthusiasm in the first half as the Magpies hustled and hustled the Broncos into errors for a deserved 10-6 lead at the interval. "We went back out there after half time and for some reason our enthusiasm went out the window", Raudonikis said. "Our go-forward play dropped off and that led to a disgraceful kicking game. I'm not blaming our kickers because they were never put in a position to get the job done. In the end we were flogged by a much better side but that doesn't mean we can't recover to match the quality sides in the competition." ... With skipper Alan Langer leading the way with those searching runs and tricky kicks, the Broncos were simply too hot to handle as the second half unfolded. ... Winger Wendell Sailor was outstanding with his powerful bursts from the back-field on kick returns. For some reason, Wests' kickers insisted on sending the ball to the giant winger with regular monotony. It was if they had a death wish as Sailor ran the ball back, usually leaving tacklers strewn in his wake. ...Still trailing 10-6 ten minutes into the second half the Broncos rattled up 30 points in 17 minutes to virtually blow the Magpies off the park. Broncos coach Wayne Bennett praised Wests for their determination in the first half. "They really tried hard in the first half but we just put it together in the second half and got our running game going," he said. ... Wests' centre Brandon Pearson and fullback Andrew Leeds performed best for the home side and winger Ken McGuinness made the most of limited opportunities to score two tries. **(The Daily Telegraph 1st April 1996)**

Notes: Wests played very well in the first half and led 10-6 at half-time, but ran out of puff in the second half, in a performance where coach Raudonikis felt the tackling wasn't up to first-grade standard. Brent Stuart was one of Wests' best, with Brandon Pearson and Andrew Leeds, once again, standouts.