



1994 Round 20 Sunday 14th August Campbelltown Stadium



Western Suburbs 34

def.

South Sydney 26



Andrew LEEDS
 Paul SMITH
 Justin DOOLEY
 Darren WILLIS
 Jason EADE
 Andrew WILLIS
 Josh WHITE
 Paul LANGMACK
 Mark AFFLICK
 Stephen KEARNEY
 Glenn GRIEF
 Jim SERDARIS (c)
 Brent STUART
 Peter SHIELS
 Brandon PEARSON

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

Darrell TRINDALL
 Mark McGAW
 David PENNA
 Jacin SINCLAIR
 Paul MELLOR
 Jason BELL
 Craig FIELD (c)
 Tyran SMITH
 Tony MESTROV
 Jeremy DONOUGHNER
 Brett GOLDSPIK
 Duncan McRAE
 Terry HERMANSSON
 Brett LANGFORD
 John ELIAS
 Gene NGAMU

Tries

Paul SMITH (2)
 Darren WILLIS
 Brandon PEARSON
 Jim SERDARIS
 Paul LANGMACK
 Josh WHITE

David PENNA
 Duncan McRAE
 Mark McGAW
 Paul MELLOR
 Jason BELL

Goals

Brandon PEARSON (3)

Darrell TRINDALL (3)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back: D Trindall; three-quarters: M McGaw, D Penna, J Sinclair, P Mellor; five-eighth: J Bell; half: C Field (c); forwards: T Smith, T Mestrov, J Donougher, B Goldspink, D McRae, T Hermansson

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, D Willis, J Dooley, J Eade; five-eighth: A Willis; half: J White; forwards: P Langmack, M Afflick, S Kearney, B Stuart, J Serdaris (c), G Grief **Referee: E Ward (Daily Telegraph 15th August 1994)**

Carefully planned defensive patterns, intricate set play moves, bleeding the rules for all they are worth ... these are all ploys that rugby league coaches delve into in the hope of winning premiership games. But Wests' caretaker coach Wayne Ellis came up with a different, and successful, one yesterday when discussing the improved efforts over recent weeks, culminating in an impressive 34 to 26 win over South Sydney at Campbelltown Sports Ground. "A big problem here was the blame factor- players blaming each other when things are going wrong," Ellis said. "We had to take away that blame factor. Now that is being done, we're playing with togetherness. We don't have any semi-finals to worry about so they are going out there and enjoying themselves. It is a happy club at the moment." Happiness, togetherness, no blame factor... you will get long odds about any of them appearing in a coaching manual. But the Magpies are winning proof the trio is working out west. Suggestions that Western Suburbs could reduce a 16 to 4 deficit into a comprehensive win would have seen you open to much ridicule. But that's exactly what the Magpies achieved yesterday. When Souths led 10-0 after 7 minutes, it appeared a lopsided debacle might occur. Even when Wests clawed back with a try, Souths retaliated with another for a 16-4 advantage midway through the first session. But the "lie down and cop it sweet" Wests didn't appear and, with tries to Brandon Pearson and Jim Serdaris, they trailed by only two points at the break, 16-14. Ellis' half time sermon worked wonders and, with tries to Paul Langmack and Josh White within five minutes of the resumption, Wests were ahead 26-16. Souths continued to waste golden opportunities to score before hooker Duncan McRae finally crossed to narrow the margin to 26-20. When Paul Smith pounced on a loose ball and sprinted 40 metres to score, Wests again had a buffer - 30-20 - but Souths, through a Mark McGaw try, whittled it to 30-26. Finally, the match was sealed when Smith crossed for his second try - his 17th of the year - nine minutes from full time. The bad news didn't stop at full time for the Rabbitohs. Lock Tyran Smith was placed on report by referee Eddie Ward for striking a player not in possession of the ball, and Wests will also look at the video of the match today for an incident concerning second-rower Stephen Kearney. Kearney appeared to get a finger in the eye. "I'm not saying I was gouged or blaming anyone," Kearney said. "It may have been an accident, but it didn't feel that way." **(Sydney Morning Herald 15th August 1994)**

Notes: Down 16-4, Wests stormed back to record an impressive win. The news that Tommy Raudonikis had been appointed coach for two years seemed to lift the spirits within the club and it was a real team effort. Paul Smith scored his 17th try of the year and was voted the Players' player. Stephen Kearney led a very strong pack, while Jim Serdaris continually made ground from dummy-half.