



# 1993 Round 20 Sunday 15th August Wollongong Showground



## Illawarra 36

David RIOLO  
 Brendan O'MEARA  
 Craig SIMON  
 Brett RODWELL  
 Alan McINDOE  
 Dale FRITZ  
 Michael NEIL  
 Bob LINDNER (c)  
 Neil PICCINELLI  
 Craig IZZARD  
 Bill DUNN  
 Dean CALLAWAY  
 Steve WADDELL  
 David WALSH  
 Shaun WALLISS  
 Nigel ROY  
 Cameron EATON

def.

## Western Suburbs 12

Andrew LEEDS  
 Darren WILLIS  
 Steve GEORGALLIS  
 Terry HILL  
 Russell WYER  
 Jason LIDDEN  
 Jason TAYLOR (c)  
 Jason BENG  
 Stephen KEARNEY  
 Scott HARDY  
 Justin DOOLEY  
 Chris WILLIAMS  
 Mark AFFLICK  
 Andrew WILLIS  
 Mark HILL  
 David ANDERSON  
 Mark BELL



**Tries** Brett RODWELL (3)  
 Dean CALLAWAY  
 Craig SIMON  
 Brendan O'MEARA

Chris WILLIAMS  
 Darren WILLIS

**Goals** Neil PICCINELLI (6)

Jason TAYLOR (2)

### Match Description

**Illawarra:** Full-back: D Riolo; three-quarters: A McIndoe, B Rodwell, C Simon, B O'Meara; five-eighth: D Fritz; half: M Neil; forwards: B Lindner (c), C Izzard, N Piccinelli, W Dunn, D Callaway, S Waddell

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Willis, S Georgallis, T Hill, R Wyer; five-eighth: J Lidden; half: J Taylor (c); forwards: J Benge, S Kearney, S Hardy, J Dooley, C Williams, M Afflick **Referee: S Clark (Daily Telegraph 16th August 1993)**

Illawarra centre Brett Rodwell finished his season on a high note with a hat-trick of tries in a 36-12 drubbing of Western Suburbs at Steelers Stadium yesterday. The Steelers were well in control throughout, going to the half-time break leading 16-0, and scoring two tries in the first 10 minutes after the resumption to seal the game. Rodwell was a late inclusion after shoulder reconstruction surgery was postponed, but he will now enter hospital on Wednesday. The Steelers displayed the attacking power which they promised at the start of the season, scoring six tries to two. Wests got on the scoreboard with 15 minutes to go when hooker Chris Williams took advantage of stretched Steelers' defence to score from dummy-half. Illawarra hit back immediately two minutes later when Rodwell scored the try of the match. With Illawarra attacking 60m out, quick hands from second-rower Neil Piccinelli and five-eighth Dale Fritz sent winger Alan McIndoe on a 50m run down the sideline. With the tryline beckoning, McIndoe gave up a certain four-pointer to dump the ball inside to Rodwell for the try. Flanker Darren Willis got a late consolation try for the Magpies with only six minutes to go, with Rodwell collecting his hat-trick four minutes from time. **(Sydney Morning Herald 16th August 1993)**

Illawarra second-rower Neil Piccinelli's well-kept secret was exposed during the Steelers' resounding 36-12 win over Western Suburbs yesterday. The rampaging forward was an accomplished goalkicker in his junior days but kept his talent under wraps when he started playing grade. ... Besides his goalkicking, Piccinelli capped his performance with a strong game in general play. "He's a workaholic, a lot of people would love to come back with his heart," Murray said. Illawarra centre Brett Rodwell finished his season on a memorable note, crossing for a hat-trick of tries. .... "The prospect of a fully fit Rodwell gives you great excitement about things," Murray said. Wests were very disappointing and coach Warren Ryan offered no excuses afterwards. "You can't expect to win games when you play that poorly," he said. He said the team lost the game in the first half when they made eight errors, mostly unforced. **(The Daily Telegraph Mirror 16th August 1993)**

**Notes:** Wests played very poorly in this game, making a very large number of unforced errors. They were down 16-0 at half-time but the Steelers had enjoyed a glut of possession. Chris Williams was again impressive, this time at lock, making the most of limited opportunities. Wests were winding down after an injury-plagued season.