



1991 Round 21 Sunday 18th August Campbelltown Stadium



Western Suburbs 12

def.

Parramatta 4

Shaun DEVINE
Wayne SIMONDS
Andrew FARRAR
Tony COSATTO
Stan PRESDEE
Jason LIDDEN
Jason TAYLOR
Paul LANGMACK
David GILLESPIE
Tony RAMPLING
Steve JACKSON
Joe THOMAS (c)
Darren BRITT
Jamie AINSCOUGH
Doug RAWLINGS

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

Andrew FITZHENRY
Michael ERICKSON
Brian JACKSON
Andrew LEEDS
Scott MAHON
Glen LIDDIARD
Jason BELL
Brett KENNY (c)
Chris KING
John FEARNLEY
Greg DRAKE
Ryan SCHOFIELD
Peter JOHNSTON
Andrew LANGFORD



Tries Andrew FARRAR

Scott MAHON

Goals Jason TAYLOR (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: S Devine; three-quarters: W Simonds, A Farrar, T Cosatto, S Presdee; five-eighth: J Lidden; half: J Taylor; forwards: P Langmack, D Gillespie, T Rampling, S Jackson, J Thomas (c), D Britt

Parramatta: Full-back: A Fitzhenry; three-quarters: M Erickson, B Jackson, A Leeds, S Mahon; five-eighth: G Liddiard; half: J Bell; forwards: B Kenny (c), C King, J Fearnley, G Drake, R Schofield, P Johnston **Referee: I Parnaby (Big League 21st August 1991)**

Western Suburbs lock Paul Langmack fulfilled a six-month dream when he staged a remarkable comeback in yesterday's 12-4 win over Parramatta at the Campbelltown Sports Centre. Langmack had not played a game this season after snapping his cruciate knee ligament in a pre-season match against Newcastle yet managed to complete the full 80 minutes. Coach Warren Ryan was one of the first to congratulate the ball-playing forward, who had a hand in Wests' only try which clinched the victory. "I'm exhausted but I'm not tired," Langmack declared afterwards. "I was hoping to play at least 70 minutes today but I was glad to go all the way. It has always been a goal of mine to come straight back into the first-grade side – I didn't want to come back in seconds." Langmack's hard work paid dividends and his return has ensured Wests will have much more variation in the weeks ahead. The former international wasn't even listed in the official program yesterday although there were rumours he would be used as a fresh reserve during the second half. Ryan was as happy as Langmack himself with the effort. "I was really pleased Paul was able to get through the full 80 minutes," Ryan said. "He's going to be very important to us in the weeks ahead because of his ability to put people through holes. You've got to give him plenty of credit – it was a mighty return." Although Langmack did not feature in man-of-the-match awards and admits to making several mistakes, he is confident his form will improve rapidly in the weeks ahead. "In the last 15 minutes I made a lot of mistakes because I'm still adjusting to getting my timing back," he said. "But it's good to be back and I'll improve. If we can make the top three, we'll give the competition an almighty shake." Wests' forwards scored a narrow points win over their rivals but were made to work extra hard from start to finish. Steve Jackson, Darren Britt and David Gillespie met plenty of stiff opposition from Parramatta's Greg Drake, Chris King and Peter Johnston. .. The Eels played with one man short for the final 30 minutes after referee Ian Parnaby gave Ryan Schofield his marching orders. Parramatta led 4-2 midway through the first half after a try to Scott Mahon. Mahon crossed over in the 14th minute after he backed up Michael Erickson to run 35 metres to score. Erickson turned in another fine game and often beat the first line of defence with his powerful running. Wests' second-rower Gillespie also had a big game and continues to produce the goods despite a recent heavy schedule. Gillespie not only toured with last year's triumphant Kangaroos but also played in the State of Origin and Test match series this season. "To be honest I'd love to have a break," Gillespie said. "It's been a long year. But it's good to know we are on target for the semi-finals and that will be rewarding." The Magpies skipped away to a 10-4 lead early in the second half when Andrew Farrar crashed over next to the posts and a Jason Taylor penalty goal in the 51st minute sealed the victory. Parramatta fullback Andrew Fitzhenry had another fine game while halfback Jason Bell was also busy. The Magpies can now snatch a top-three provided they beat Brisbane at Lang Park. Wests always seem to be able to lift themselves against the better-credentialed teams. **(Daily Telegraph 19th August 1991)**

Notes: Wests played grinding, defensive football to overpower Parramatta in a torrid forward clash. Highlights for Wests were the comebacks of Paul Langmack (after cruciate ligament injury) and Tony Rampling (glandular fever). Both went well in a good sign for the semi-finals. Stan Presdee was very badly spear-tackled by Ryan Schofield, who was sent off in the 50th minute. There were serious concerns for Presdee and, luckily, he was only badly concussed. Joe Thomas was rightly back in his correct position as hooker. Wests ensured at least a play-off by this win.