



1987 Round 22 Sunday 2nd August Wollongong Showground



Illawarra 24

Steve LARDER
 Alan McINDOE
 Graeme BRADLEY
 Brian HETHERINGTON
 Dean CARNEY
 Greg MACKEY
 Perry HADDOCK (c)
 Dean HANSON
 Jeff HARDY
 Chris WHITHALL
 Cavill HEUGH
 Michael BOLT
 Keith COLE
 Malcolm KELLY
 Trevor KISSELL
 Wayne HARVEY
 Darryl CROSLAND

def.

Western Suburbs 14

John ALLANSON
 Phillip DUKE
 Allen GEELAN
 Hew REES
 Jason WILLIAMS
 Brett CLARK
 Trevor COGGER
 Doug RAWLINGS
 John ELIAS
 Ian SCHUBERT (c)
 Les WHITE
 Alan FALLAH
 Ian FREEMAN
 Terry DONNELLAN
 Craig ELLIS
 Brett DAVIS
 Adam STEWART



Tries
 Chris WHITHALL
 Alan McINDOE
 Steve LARDER
 Perry HADDOCK

Jason WILLIAMS
 Doug RAWLINGS
 John ALLANSON

Goals
 Dean CARNEY (4)

Ian SCHUBERT (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Allanson; three-quarters: P Duke, A Geelan, H Rees, J Williams; five-eighth: B Clark; half: T Cogger; forwards: D Rawlings, I Schubert (c), J Elias, I Freeman, A Fallah, L White

Illawarra: Full-back: S Larder; three-quarters: D Carney, B Hetherington, G Bradley, A McIndoe; five-eighth: G Mackey; half: P Haddock (c); forwards: D Hanson, J Hardy, C Whithall, C Heugh, M Bolt, K Cole **Referee: B Barnes (Rugby League Week 2nd August 1987)**

Perry Haddock, the king-pin of the Illawarra attack, will discuss his playing future in a special conference with new Steelers' coach Terry Fearnley today. Rumours have swept the South Coast that the pair don't get on, but Haddock quickly dispelled such talk after leading his team to a lively 24-14 victory over Wests at Wollongong Showground yesterday....He handed in a typically busy, organising game for the Steelers, contributing plenty to a win which should ensure Illawarra finishes without the wooden spoon for the first time since 1984. Coach Fearnley, sitting at the back of the grandstand, must have been impressed with the little general's all-round game and slick combination with the elusive Greg Mackey. It wasn't quite "break out the champers" time but victories over Wests in all three grades should mean there are still some pretty sore heads at the 'Gong today. Steelers' boss Bob Millward said it was the first time Illawarra had notched a hat-trick over Wests and coach Brian Smith declared the pressure was now lifted for the remaining four premiership matches. The match was largely a stop-start affair, but the brave 3891 spectators who ventured to the Showground were treated to patches of top-quality football. Illawarra's first and last tries – by second-rower Chris Withall (fourth minute) and fullback Steve Larder (69th) – were long-distance gems. Wests also gave the ball plenty of air and dazzled the crowd with a smart try by fullback John Allanson eight minutes into the game. At half-time, the Magpies had their beaks in front 14-12 but a towering penalty goal by winger Dean Carney saw the Steelers draw level at 14-all. Territorially, Illawarra had the match well in hand midway through the second session, but points were badly needed on the scorecard. Five-eighth Mackey sliced through some dreadful close-to-the-ruck defence and found winger Alan McIndoe on fire and in support. The big Queenslander flashed over under the posts for a converted try before Larder's grand effort sealed the Winfield Cup points 11 minutes from the bell. Mackey sent Carney on a powerful burst down the right flank and McIndoe was on the spot to take play into Wests' quarter. Second-rower Jeff Hardy picked up a desperate pass on his finger tips and swung the ball back out wide to Larder who dived over for a try worthy of use in any league promotion. Hardy had one of his best games for the club, topping the tackles count with 42. **(Daily Mirror 3rd August 1987)**

Notes: Wests threw the ball around and led 12-10 at half-time but mistakes crept in again and the backs tired, to allow Illawarra to get on top. John Elias and Les White were strong again in the forwards but Ian Schubert was clearly Wests' best. The loss made it almost certain Wests would have the wooden spoon.