



1991 Round 22 Saturday 24th August Lang Park



Brisbane 28

def.

Western Suburbs 14

Paul HAUFF
 Michael HANCOCK
 Steve RENOUF
 Gene MILES (c)
 Willie CARNE
 Kevin WALTERS
 Allan LANGER
 Terry MATTERSON
 Trevor GILLMEISTER
 Alan CANN
 Greg DOWLING
 Kerrod WALTERS
 Andrew GEE
 Chris JOHNS
 Mark HOHN

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

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



Tries

Steve RENOUF (2)
 Paul HAUFF
 Trevor GILLMEISTER
 Willie CARNE

Jason LIDDEN
 Trevor COGGER

Goals

Terry MATTERSON (4)

Jason TAYLOR (3)

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: G Wynn, D Gillespie, P Langmack, S Jackson, J Thomas (c), D Britt

Brisbane: Full-back: P Hauff; three-quarters: M Hancock, S Renouf, G Miles (c), W Carne; five-eighth: K Walters; half: A Langer; forwards: T Matterson, T Gillmeister, A Cann, G Dowling, K Walters, A Gee **Referee: E Ward (Big League August 28th 1991)**

Western Suburbs face the very real possibility of a play-off at Parramatta Stadium on Tuesday night for a place in the premiership semi-finals, following the 28-14 hiding handed out to them by Brisbane at Lang Park yesterday. Wests' coach Warren Ryan spent the first minutes after yesterday's match in the dressing-room checking on the extensive and worrying injury list. Prop Darren Britt suffered a badly bruised cheekbone and will have an x-ray to determine if there is a fracture. Stan Presdee suffered a badly-torn calf muscle, Tony Cosatto a knee injury and Paul Langmack severe concussion. Wests will look at the video of the tackle which damaged Britt and then decide if a complaint should be lodged with the League over the incident. The early indication was that Presdee and Cosatto would probably miss the next match and there was doubt about the rugged Britt, but Langmack was expected to recover. Coach Ryan was well aware of the tough task facing his team with so many players in the Brisbane team capable of putting a try on or scoring one. But he must have thought Christmas had come a little early when Brisbane, after winning the toss, decided to run into the very strong wind in the first half. It was a gamble but the Broncos received their dividend with two first-half tries which gave them a comfortable 12-4 lead. Two more tries within four minutes, the first after seven minutes and the second after 11 minutes of the second half, gave Brisbane a match-winning 22-4 lead. Although Wests scored two tries to one in the last 30 minutes and played some of their best football in this period, they were never going to win. Brisbane were too good. They had too much pace and this is something Wests lack. Twice Brisbane's stylish centre Steve Renouf raced clear of the Wests' defence to score, the second time after a 90-metre run following a change-over about five metres from the Broncos' line. Brisbane's halfback Allan Langer had another superb game. He was involved in several Brisbane tries, creating space and mesmerising the defence which frequently stopped and seemed to be waiting to see what he intended to do. ... Yet it was a Langer mistake, where he knocked on from the kick-off, which put Wests on the boil, culminating with Paul Langmack and Graeme Wynn combining to put Jason Lidden over for a face-saving try. With the match virtually over, Wests' veteran Trevor Cogger was injected into the match and positioned himself well to take the final pass and sprint over for a try, a record-breaking 84th which passed the previous record held by former Test winger, Peter Dimond. ... **(The Sun-Herald 25th August 1991)**

Notes: Despite early, torrid forward clashes Wests were unable to contain Alfie Langer and were down 12-4 at half-time, after running with a stiff breeze. The loss of Darren Britt early in the second half, with a suspected broken cheekbone, was a real setback as he was leading the tackle count at the time. The loss meant that Wests were forced to a mid-week play-off, with a background of a long injury list: Stan Presdee (torn calf muscle) Tony Cosatto (knee) and Langmack (concussion). Graeme Wynn made a remarkable comeback after being ruled out for the season two rounds earlier.