



1998 Round 22 Saturday 8th August Campbelltown Stadium



Canberra 22

Mark McLINDEN
 Geoff McNAMARA
 Brandon PEARSON
 David BOYLE
 Lesley VAINIKOLO
 Ricky STUART
 Andrew McFADDEN
 Ben KENNEDY
 David FURNER (c)
 Ruben WIKI
 Anthony BRANN
 Simon WOOLFORD
 Bradley CLYDE
 David ATKINS
 Anthony SEIBOLD
 Luke PRIDDIS
 Nathan SOLOGINKIN

def.

Western Suburbs 0

Brett WARTON
 Darryl FISHER
 Travis BAKER
 Kevin McGUINNESS
 Brett HODGSON
 Ken McGUINNESS
 Leo DYNEVOR
 Scott COXON
 Chris YATES
 Damian KENNEDY
 Lincoln RAUDONIKIS
 Steve GEORGALLIS (c)
 Darren FRITZ
 Aseri LAING
 Nick EDWARDS
 Adrian RAINEY
 Leo CLARKE



Tries Brandon PEARSON
 Ruben WIKI
 David BOYLE
 Simon WOOLFORD

Goals David FURNER (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: B Warton; three-quarters: B Hodgson, Kevin McGuinness, T Baker, D Fisher; five-eighth: Ken McGuinness; half: L Dynevor; forwards: S Coxon, C Yates, D Kennedy, L Raudonikis, S Georgallis (c), D Fritz

Canberra: Full-back: M McLinden; three-quarters: G McNamara, B Pearson, D Boyle, L Vainikolo; five-eighth: R Stuart; half: A McFadden; forwards: B Kennedy, D Furner (c), R Wiki, A Brann, S Woolford, B Clyde **Referee: M Jadwat (Big League August 8th 1998)**

Former Test lock Brad Clyde says he will stay with Canberra if the National Rugby League include him in their "franchise player" scheme. Speaking after the Raiders demolished Western Suburbs 22-0 at Campbelltown Sports Ground last night, Clyde denied he was on the verge of signing with Canterbury. Bulldogs' chief executive Bob Hagan said on Friday he believed Clyde had agreed in principle to a settlement from News Limited which would free him to leave Canberra. "I should know what's happening by the end of the week but I'd like to stay in Canberra," Clyde, one of the Raiders' hardest working players, said last night. Canberra chief executive Kevin Neil has told me he'll be speaking to a few people about me and the salary cap and hopefully they'll be able to keep me." Clyde said that a payout from News Limited would not necessarily mean he'd be leaving the national capital "But anything I earn would come off my payout." Canberra moved into the top six, overnight at least, with last night's four tries to nil win. They were leading 14-0 at halftime. To stay there, they need Sydney City and St George to lose today and they must win their remaining regular season matches against St George and Melbourne. The top six sides get a double chance during the finals. Raiders' coach Mal Meninga, when asked last night whether it would be possible to win from outside the six, said it would be difficult. "At the very worst we would finish 7th or 8th so we would get a home game in the finals, which is one positive," Meninga said. "But we still have ourselves set for the top six." Last night's victory could prove costly for Canberra with NZ Test centre Ruben Wiki reported in the opening minutes for a high tackle on Magpies' second-rower Chris Yates. Hooker Simon Woolford scored the Raiders' first try in the 9th minute, with Wiki bagging the second in the 25th. Canberra took control seven minutes into the second half when centre David Boyle crossed, with ex-Magpie Brandon Pearson racing 90 metres off an intercept to complete the rout in the final minutes. Wests had a try disallowed to winger Brett Hudson in the 52nd minute, with coach Tom Raudonikis claiming it was fair and that there was a forward pass in the lead up to Woolford's touchdown. He described last night's performance as a vast improvement on last weekend's 56-14 loss to Canterbury. Woolford, who also played half back and five eighth, was a star for the Raiders. He will settle into the hooking role next year when Luke Priddis joins Adelaide. Woolford said: "Everyone was a bit down when we found out so many blokes were leaving but we've become better mates out of it. We know this is the last time we get to play together we want to make the most of the season." **(The Sun-Herald 9th August 1998)**

Notes: This was a greatly improved performance, especially considering Chris Yates was taken out early with a high tackle. Brett Hodgson had an apparently legitimate try disallowed and one of Canberra's tries appeared to be scored off a blatant forward pass.