



1993 Round 3 Saturday 27th March Campbelltown Stadium



Eastern Suburbs 22

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Western Suburbs 12

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| Rod SILVA | Fullback |
| Michael APPLEBY | Wing |
| Brendan HALL | Centre |
| Luke RICKETSON | Centre |
| Jeff ORFORD | Wing |
| Scott MURRAY | Five-eighth |
| Gary FREEMAN | Half |
| Nigel GAFFEY | Lock |
| Denis BEECRAFT | Second Row |
| Jason TASSELL | Second Row |
| Craig SALVATORI (c) | Front Row |
| Craig O'DWYER | Hooker |
| Steve HANSON | Front Row |
| Mark PROTHEROE | Replacement |
| Jason LOWRIE | Replacement |
| Tony COSATTO | Replacement |
| Rod DOYLE | Replacement |

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| Steve GEORGALLIS |
| Mark BELL |
| Terry HILL |
| Steve O'DEA |
| Darren WILLIS |
| Paul LANGMACK |
| Jason TAYLOR |
| Jason LIDDEN |
| Stephen KEARNEY |
| David GILLESPIE (c) |
| Justin DOOLEY |
| Jason ALCHIN |
| Darren BRITT |
| Matt RYAN |



Tries

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| Rod SILVA |
| Mark PROTHEROE |
| Scott MURRAY |
| Denis BEECRAFT |

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| Mark BELL |
| Darren WILLIS |

Goals Brendan HALL (3)

Jason TAYLOR (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: S Georgallis; three-quarters: M Bell, S O'Dea, T Hill, D Willis; five-eighth: P Langmack; half: J Taylor; forwards: J Lidden, S Kearney, D Gillespie (c), J Dooley, J Alchin, D Britt

Eastern Suburbs Full-back: R Silva; three-quarters: M Appleby, L Ricketson, B Hall, J Orford; five-eighth: S Murray; half: G Freeman; forwards: N Gaffey, D Beecraft, J Tassell, S Hanson, C O'Dwyer, C Salvatori (c) **Referee: G McCallum (Big League 23rd March 1993)**

Eastern Suburbs coach Mark Murray demanded an end to Craig Salvatori's representative exile after the big prop led the Roosters to a 22-12 win over Wests yesterday. Salvatori was a tower of strength as Easts out-muscled the Magpies up front to maintain their undefeated record after three rounds. A Test player in 1991, Salvatori has been unable to crack the Test side for the past 18 months. "The representative selectors need to have a look at Sal," Murray said. "He's going as well as any front-rower around and was superb for us today." While Salvatori was the best forward on the field, and was later named man of the match, a shocking error by the towering front-rower almost cost Easts the match. With the Roosters holding a comfortable 16-6 lead late in the game, Salvatori threw a long pass straight to Wests' winger Mark Bell. Bell sprinted 80m to score, putting Wests right back into the match at 16-12. But a last-minute try to replacement lock Mark Protheroe saved Salvatori any major embarrassment. "That pass was a shocker," Salvatori said later. "I just got behind the tryline and said sorry to the boys. Luckily it didn't cost us." Salvatori is determined to regain his Test spot this season. "I just hope the representative selectors don't forget me," he said. I haven't had much of a look-in since '91 but if I can make the City-Country game, anything is possible." Easts were far too strong for a disappointing Wests side, scoring four tries to two. The Roosters had the two premiersip points in the bag by half-time, when they held a commanding 16-0 lead. Wests were too bad to be true, dropping plenty of ball and coming up with many errors in defence. "Four of our mistakes led to Easts' tries," Wests coach Warren Ryan lamented. "We made it easy for them." While Salvatori took out Easts' game ball, fullback Rod Silva, rookie hooker Craig O'Dwyer and replacement forward Jason Lowrie also stood out. O'Dwyer used the mid-field bomb to good effect, giving the Wests' defence plenty of problems. Silva scored the Roosters' opening try, had a hand in another and was impeccable in defence. Kiwi recruit Lowrie ran strongly and his strong defence added muscle to Easts' performance. The only sour note in a successful afternoon's work for the Roosters came from injuries to forwards Steve Hanson (knee) and Dennis Beecraft (concussion). Best for the Magpies was half Jason Taylor who tried hard to get the flat Wests side going in attack. Winger Darren Willis was dangerous out wide, scoring a superb 90m solo try. Willis took the ball 10m from his own line and found a rare gap in the Easts' defence, hitting full stride as he sailed downfield. In a thrilling chase to the line, Willis was pursued by four Easts' defenders, with fullback Silva the only player to make an impression. **(Sunday Telegraph 28th March 1993)**

Notes: Wests were out of the match, down 16-0 at half-time, but scored two runaway tries to be in the game at 12-16 before a late Easts' try. It would have been an injustice, however, since Wests put in an error-ridden performance with four dropped balls leading to Easts' tries. They lost the forward battle up front, with Craig Salvatori being dominant. Jason Taylor and Darren Willis were clearly the best for Wests.