



1992 Round 4 Sunday 12th April Campbelltown Stadium



Western Suburbs 26

def.

North Sydney 16

Mark BELL
Darren WILLIS
Andrew FARRAR
Terry HILL
Wayne SIMONDS
Jim DYMOCK
Jason TAYLOR
Jason LIDDEN
Paul LANGMACK
Bob LINDNER
David GILLESPIE
Joe THOMAS (c)
Kyle WHITE
Darren BRITT
Graeme WYNN
David ANDERSON

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

Greg BARWICK
David HALL
John McARTHUR
Paul CONLON
Daryl HALLIGAN
Peter JACKSON (c)
Jason MARTIN
Billy MOORE
David FAIRLEIGH
Gary LARSON
Tony HEARN
Peter McPHAIL
Gavin JONES
Adrian TOOLE
Chris CARUANA
Scott WILSON

Tries

Mark BELL
Joe THOMAS
Bob LINDNER
Paul LANGMACK

Daryl HALLIGAN
David HALL

Goals

Jason TAYLOR (5)

Daryl HALLIGAN (4)

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back: G Barwick; three-quarters: D Hall, J McArthur, P Conlon, D Halligan; five-eighth: P Jackson (c); half: J Martin; forwards: W Moore, D Fairleigh, G Larson, T Hearn, P McPhail, G Jones

Western Suburbs: Full-back: M Bell; three-quarters: D Willis, A Farrar, T Hill, W Simonds; five-eighth: J Dymock; half: J Taylor; forwards: J Lidden, P Langmack, B Lindner, D Gillespie, J Thomas (c). K White **Referee: P Filmer (Big League 15th April 1992)**

Wests veered between perfect and pedestrian but did enough to show they're on their way with a 26-16 defeat of Norths at Campbelltown Sportsground yesterday. Two late tries gained Wests the win after a 30-minute mid-game patch that second-rower Paul Langmack labelled "woeful". This was contrasted with an opening of which Langmack said: "We played really perfect football for 30 minutes." Both Langmack and coach Warren Ryan cautioned against too much optimism. "We've got a fair way to go," Langmack said of Wests' aspirations as premiership contenders. "Against teams like Penrith and Brisbane you've got to play with that opening intensity for 80 minutes. We'll learn from today. The signs are good." Said Ryan of Wests' pretensions to be a top team.: "Not at this stage, but we can get a lot better." Wests had their disciplined, constructive opening period and plenty of fine individual performers in the likes of Langmack, whose artistry complemented the work of artisans such as Joe Thomas, Bob Lindner and Jason Lidden. Five-eighth Jim Dymock, so reminiscent of Olsen Filipaina, if not so big and physically threatening, and replacement winger Darren Willis also indicated the backline resources available. Wests were abetted in their fine opening by a Norths seemingly torn between their rigid instructions and the wish to break free. The result was an attack a small blanket could have been thrown over, enabling the Wests' defence to be covered by a similarly small blanket, and also to be unextended. Wests were ahead after 14 minutes when a Jason Taylor bomb was regathered and ultimately led to Thomas' plunging over from dummy-half, and further ahead when another Taylor bomb was regathered and ultimately led to Thomas and Langmack doing the lead-up for Lindner to gallop 20m to the line. Norths were back in it right on half-time when a penalty allowed them to make two plays to the centre near the posts. In a set move, they swung the ball back the same way and a Jason Martin cut-out pass was the main ingredient in winger Daryl Halligan's diving over in the corner. Replays suggested he bounced the ball, but fortunately in the end it didn't matter. Norths were on terms when David Fairleigh sent Paul Conlon away and David Hall accepted a reverse pass to sprint to the line, and improbably in front when Halligan landed a long-range penalty. They then had the chance to wrap it up when Gary Larson made a long break, but his pass to John McArthur was forward. Wests re-found their concentration and yet another Taylor bomb bounced favourably and Langmack dived over. They finished in appropriate style when Taylor stepped, found space and fullback Mark Bell trailed to accept the match-winning pass. ...**(Sydney Morning Herald 13th April 1992)**

Notes: Mark Bell moved to full-back and was very effective, while Darren Willis on the wing had a blinder, voted the 'players' player'. Kyle White (ex-Canterbury) played his first full First Grade game. Wests played well in patches, leading 14-0, then being down 16-14 before scoring two late tries. Jim Dymock was very strong at five-eighth, while Jason Taylor was much more involved, with his use of bombs very judicious and effective. Coach Ryan was relieved that the mistake rate was finally cut back.