



# 1996 Round 4 Saturday 13th April Parramatta Stadium



## Western Suburbs 18

def.

## Parramatta 14

Andrew LEEDS  
 Darren WILLIS  
 Brandon PEARSON  
 Kevin McGUINNESS  
 Ken McGUINNESS  
 Andrew WILLIS  
 Craig COLEMAN  
 Steve GEORGALLIS  
 Paul LANGMACK (c)  
 Chad HARRIS  
 Darren CAPOVILLA  
 Ciriaco MESCIA  
 Bill DUNN  
 Damian KENNEDY  
 Justin DOOLEY  
 Andrew HICK  
 Paul BELL

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

Danny CRNKOVICH  
 Michael ERICKSON  
 Michael BUETTNER  
 Keith BLACKETT  
 Brett PLOWMAN  
 Michael SPEECHLEY  
 Chris LAWLER  
 Robert MUCHMORE  
 Cameron BLAIR  
 Justin MORGAN  
 Paul DUNN (c)  
 Peter McPHAIL  
 Chris KING  
 Jamie MAHON  
 Duncan De CELIS  
 Brad NAIRN  
 Matthew SPENCE

**Tries** Kevin McGUINNESS  
 Darren WILLIS  
 Steve GEORGALLIS

Russell WYER  
 Matthew SPENCE  
 Adam RITSON

**Goals** Andrew LEEDS (3)

Nathan BARNES (1)

### Match Description

**Parramatta:** Full-back: S Mahon; three-quarters: R Wyer, J McCracken, N Barnes, S Davey; five-eighth: R Maybon; half: G Freeman; forwards: J Dymock, J Smith, C King, A Ritson, A Raper, P Johnston

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Willis, Kevin McGuinness, B Pearson, Ken McGuinness; five-eighth: A Willis; half: C Coleman (c); forwards: S Georgallis, C Harris, P Langmack, D Capovilla, C Mescia, B Dunn **Referee: M Owen (Big League 13th April 1996)**

Ageless forward Paul Langmack pushed a family tragedy to the back of his mind to inspire Wests to a thrilling 18-14 victory over Parramatta yesterday. Langmack's mother suffered a heart attack at home on Friday night and was battling for life in Liverpool hospital when he arrived at Parramatta Stadium. The veteran back-rower produced a special game for his stricken mum before heading off the hospital to be at her bedside. "Mum has had heart trouble in the past and we've all got our fingers crossed," Langmack said. "The doctor says she is in a fair bit of strife and we can only hope she pulls through. It hasn't been a particularly good 24 hours for the Langmack family. My sister's home also got burgled last night at the time when there was a message on the answering machine about mum. Sure, I tried to play a special game for today as well as these blokes here at Wests, you could not ask for a better lot." Throughout his illustrious football career, Langmack has been lauded for his wonderful ball skills and they've rarely been more impressive than at Parramatta yesterday. He laid on the opening Magpies' try for young centre Kevin McGuinness with a fabulous flick pass and he later figured prominently in a four-pointer by winger Darren Willis. At other stages of the game, he sent support players steaming through gaps with exquisite passes, showing a brand of vision and a sleight-of-hand rarely seen in the modern game. Langmack was a last-minute inclusion in Wests' first grade team. Coach Tom Raudonikis swung him into the second row when front-rower Brent Stuart withdrew with injury. He was hammered by Parramatta tacklers on several occasions but kept dusting himself off and returning to the fray, sending more supports into open space. Fellow veteran Craig Coleman was one of the best for the Magpies and amazingly, he got through the match with a broken bone in his right foot. Few tipsters gave Wests a mention in pre match talk but as the contest panned out, they should have beaten the Eels by 20 points. On the coach's 46th birthday, they enjoyed a 12-0 lead at halftime and stretched that to 18-4 with 20 minutes to play. Parramatta finally gave their supporters some cause to cheer with two late tries, but the damage had been done long before and the black and whites held on for a well-deserved win. Wests' lock Steve Georgallis was the standout player on the park. He scored a great back-up try and was a constant menace to the defence whenever he bobbed up. Other star performers for the Magpies included Langmack, Andrew Leeds, Chad Harris and Cherry Mescia, while young front-rower Darren Capovilla caught the eye with his strong running and clever offloads. Parramatta played some patches of bright football, but it is clear that team jigsaw is still in disarray. The Eels had good performers in Jim Dymock and Adam Ritson, but the team lacks cohesion and the ability to hang on to the ball for lengthy periods. **(The Sunday Telegraph 14th April 1996)**

**Notes:** Brent Stuart was a late withdrawal, with the previously injured Paul Langmack coming in and playing a blinder. He combined beautifully with Craig Coleman, and with Andrew Leeds again starring at the back, they held off a spirited Parramatta. Kevin McGuinness was again very impressive. The skill level of their attack was credited to new skills coach, Mark Egan.