



# 1994 Round 4 Sunday 3rd April Campbelltown Stadium



**Cronulla-Sutherland 36**

**def.**

**Western Suburbs 10**

David PEACHEY  
 Eion CROSSAN  
 Andrew ETTINGHAUSEN  
 Paul BELL  
 Richie BARNETT  
 Mitch HEALEY  
 Paul GREEN  
 Dave BROUGHTON  
 Les DAVIDSON  
 Dan STAINS (c)  
 Andrew HICK  
 Andrew NEAVE  
 Danny LEE  
 Geoff BELL  
 Andrew PIERCE  
 Robbie KEARNS

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

Andrew LEEDS  
 Paul SMITH  
 Damien McGARRY  
 Steve GEORGALLIS  
 Darren WILLIS  
 Andrew WILLIS  
 Jason ALCHIN  
 Paul LANGMACK (c)  
 Scott HARDY  
 Stuart COUPLAND  
 Kyle WHITE  
 Jim SERDARIS  
 Neil TIERNEY  
 Stephen KEARNEY  
 David WONSON  
 Jason EADE



**Tries**  
 Eion CROSSAN (2)  
 Andrew ETTINGHAUSEN (2)  
 Andrew NEAVE  
 Danny LEE  
 Richie BARNETT

Andrew LEEDS  
 Scott HARDY

**Goals**  
 Eion CROSSAN (4)

Andrew LEEDS (1)

### Match Description

**Cronulla-Sutherland:** Full-back: D Peachey; three-quarters: E Crossan, A Ettinghausen, P Bell, R Barnett; five-eighth: M Healey; half: P Green; forwards: D Broughton, L Davidson, D Stains (c), A Hick, A Neave, D Lee

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, D McGarry, S Georgallis, D Willis; five-eighth: A Willis; half: J Alchin; forwards: P Langmack (c), S Coupland, S Hardy, K White, J Serdaris, N Tierney **Referee: M Lewis (Daily Telegraph 4th April 1994)**

Eion Crossan joined Cronulla in the off-season for more than a modest contract and a chance to play first grade football. In his own words, he signed up to get a rugby league education. They hardly taught me a thing about league during my two years of Souths, Crossan said. "I arrived here as a convert from NZ rugby union and left with pretty much the same knowledge as I started with. When Souths were planning for 1994, I was one of the first to be released. They didn't rate me and it was no fun at all being listed as reserve for reserve grade. Cronulla was willing to give me a chance and I was pleased to get the opportunity to pick up some skills. I reckon I've learned lots about the game in a few months and I'd like to think it is showing on the field." At Campbelltown Sports Ground yesterday, Crossan's stylish, all-round game showed he was learning his lessons well in his chosen "school". The man they once dubbed the White Rabbit had suddenly become a White Pointer. Crossan bagged two fine tries and booted four goals from 6 attempts in Cronulla's 36-10 thrashing of Western Suburbs. It may simply sound like a memorable day out for a first-grade footballer, but there was more depth to his performance than that. From the outset it was clear Wests had targeted him as a weak link in the Sharks' backline and peppered him with kicks and aimed ball runners straight at his slender frame. Crossan handled it all with a level of confidence few knew he possessed, and in the end the Magpies' tactics exploded in their face. The snowy-haired winger scored a spectacular try from a Mitch Healey cross-field bomb kick in the 8th minute and plunged over for another in the 68th as Cronulla romped to a lead of 26-10. It was later revealed Crossan had been pouring in the hours with the Sydney Swans' skill coach Alan Dudley who had been tutoring him on methods of taking marks. "Eion pulled off two screamers in defence and came up with another in attack," said coach John Lang. "I was really pleased for him; he has been working hard to improve his skills." This was a curious match, especially for the Jekyll and Hyde Wests' combination. Warren Ryan's men played inspired, controlled football to set up a half time lead of 10-6 and they were given a standing ovation by their fans as they trooped off for a well-earned break. Hooker Andrew Neave scored from a grubber kick 10 minutes into the second stanza and amazingly the floodgates opened. In phases of play horribly reminiscent of the previous week's debacle at Brookvale, Wests' defence crumbled from brick to rubble, allowing Cronulla to practically run and score as they pleased. **(The Daily Telegraph Mirror 4th April 1994)**

**Notes:** Wests were actually given an ovation at half-time when they led 10-6, after a half of determined defence. In an astoundingly inept second half performance, they continually dropped the ball and were smashed 30-0. Coach Warren Ryan was left speechless.