



1996 Round 5 Saturday 20th April Campbelltown Stadium



Sydney City Roosters 20

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Western Suburbs 0

Ivan CLEARY	Fullback
Darren JUNEE	Wing
Matt SING	Centre
Peter CLARKE	Centre
Peter JORGENSEN	Wing
Andrew WALKER	Five-eighth
Adrian LAM	Half
Brad FITTLER	Lock
Tony IRO	Second Row
Luke RICKETSON	Second Row
Terry HERMANSSON	Front Row
Sean GARLICK (c)	Hooker
Glenn LAZARUS	Front Row
John SIMON	Replacement
Darren RAMEKA	Replacement
Paul DUNN	Replacement
Tim MADDISON	Replacement

Andrew LEEDS
Darren WILLIS
Kevin McGUINNESS
Paul BELL
Ken McGUINNESS
Andrew WILLIS
Craig COLEMAN
Steve GEORGALLIS
Chad HARRIS
Paul LANGMACK (c)
Darren CAPOVILLA
Ciriaco MESCIA
Andrew HICK
Mark AFFLICK
Damian KENNEDY
Justin DOOLEY
Paul SMITH



Tries Matt SING (2)
 Luke RICKETSON
 Peter CLARKE

Goals Ivan CLEARY (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Willis, Kevin McGuinness, P Bell, Ken McGuinness; five-eighth: A Willis; half: C Coleman; forwards: S Georgallis, P Langmack (c), C Harris, D Capovilla, C Mescia, A Hick

Sydney City Roosters: Full-back: I Cleary; three-quarters: D Junee, M Sing, P Clarke, P Jorgensen; five-eighth: A Walker; half: A Lam; forwards: B Fittler, T Iro, L Ricketson, T Hermansson, S Garlick (c), J Lowrie **Referee: D Manson (Big League 20th April 1996)**

Roosters skipper Sean Garlick produced a star performance in an afternoon of high drama and major injury at Campbelltown yesterday. Stricken with a debilitating virus all week, Garlick left his sickbed to inspire Sydney City to a 20-0 win over Wests which kept the club alone an unbeaten on top of the competition. The hooker made 54 tackles in one of the year's most bruising contests and won lavish praise from his coach, Phil Gould. Football action was marred, however, by a horrific injury toll to both sides, which saw one player taken to hospital, another placed on a drip in the dressing room and three more facing X rays for a variety of ailments today. There was also a sideline confrontation between coach Gould and the ARL's operations manager Eric Cox at the height of the action. Late last night it was confirmed Magpies' fullback Andrew Leeds suffered a depressed fracture of the cheekbone after a shocking collision in the first half. Leeds fielded a ball under his own goal posts in the 20th minute but collided with giant Roosters second rower Tony Iro. He will be out of football for up to six weeks. Two trainers helped him from the field in a heavily concussed condition and a short time later Leeds was taken to Liverpool Hospital for examination. In the aftermath to the bruising match, there was major concern over his Western Suburbs teammates Andrew Willis (leg) and Steve Georgallis (hip) who left the field and could not continue playing. In the other dressing room, Easts' medical staff worked overtime. Second-rowers Luke Ricketson and Tony Iro were sent for X rays for possible cheekbone fractures and young centre Matt Sing, at two-try hero, was being examined for a potentially serious neck injury. Winger Darren Junee played with a heavy cold and doctors placed him on a drip the moment the full-time siren sounded. Sydney City led 8-0 at half time and made full use of their scoring opportunities to seal a comfortable four tries to nil win in front of a crowd of 7,850. Coach Gould was thrilled with the commitment of the charges under duress, but singled out his captain Garlick for special mention. "I think Sean's performance was outstanding when you consider he only decided to play this morning," Gould said. "I wouldn't swap him for any hooker in the game at the moment." Gould clashed with Cox when the veteran official chipped him for sending repeated messages to his players via the Roosters trainer. **(Sunday Telegraph 21st April 1996)**

Notes: Brandon Pearson was a late withdrawal but the huge injury toll during the match completely disrupted the team's effort. Andrew Leeds, who had only missed one game in four seasons, was knocked out and taken to hospital where two plates were inserted in a cheekbone. Andrew Willis and Steve Georgallis were also forced off, injured. Even so, Wests went close to scoring a number of times but just couldn't get over the line. Andrew Hick (ex-Cronulla) made his run-on First Grade debut.