



1995 Round 5 Saturday 8th April Richardson Park (Darwin)



Western Suburbs 44

def.

Sydney City Roosters 16



Andrew LEEDS
Paul SMITH
Brandon PEARSON
Ken McGUINNESS
Paul BELL
Andrew WILLIS
Steve GEORGALLIS
Paul LANGMACK (c)
Jim SERDARIS
Bill DUNN
Brent STUART
Ciriaco MESCIA
Glenn GRIEF
Mark HORO
Justin DOOLEY
Tony WALL
Damian DRISCOLL

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

Darren JUNEE
Graham MACKAY
Jason HUDSON
Luke RICKETSON
Shane WHEREAT
Andrew WALKER
Adrian LAM
Nigel GAFFEY
Mark PROTHEROE
Tony IRO
Brad PIKE
David O'DONNELL (c)
Jason LOWRIE
Clinton O'BRIEN
Barry WARD
Peter CLARKE
Brendan HALL

Tries Brandon PEARSON (2)
Steve GEORGALLIS
Ciriaco MESCIA
Paul SMITH
Ken McGUINNESS
Tony WALL

Andrew WALKER
Adrian LAM
Barry WARD

Goals Tony WALL (8)

Graham MACKAY (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, K McGuinness, B Pearson, P Bell; five-eighth: A Willis; half: S Georgallis; forwards: P Langmack (c), J Serdaris, B Dunn, B Stuart, C Mescia, G Grief

Sydney City Roosters: Full-back: D Junee; three-quarters: G Mackay, J Hudson, L Ricketson, S Whereat; five-eighth: A Walker; half: A Lam; forwards: N Gaffey, M Protheroe, T Iro, B Pike, D O'Donnell (c), J Lowrie **Referee: S Clark (Big League 8th April 1995)**

Sydney City Roosters rugby convert Darren Junee was stretchered off the field in a torrid clash with Western Suburbs in Darwin last night. The Roosters' fullback was hurt when he received a knee in the head in a tackle just before half time. He was later put in a neck brace. The Magpies won 44-16 and the Roosters' agony was compounded by injuries to centre Jason Hudson and young replacement Clinton O'Brien. Both teams put aside the turmoil surrounding rugby league during the week to put in a brave performance in the hot and steamy conditions in Darwin. While Sydney City coach Phil Gould was in Sydney negotiating league contracts with the Australian Rugby League, Arthur Beetson took charge of the side. Wests led 14-6 at half time after dominating the game with their free-flowing football. Wests utilised their wingers well and put the first points on the board with a Tony Wall penalty after 12 minutes. The Roosters crossed for the first try six minutes later when Andrew Walker displayed good dummy play, dodging two defenders before scoring. Graham Mackay converted to give the Roosters a 6-2 lead. The Magpies equalised with a great set move 25 minutes into the game when Glenn Grief cleverly passed to Steve Georgallis, who displayed some good footwork before offloading to Ken McGuinness who lunged from two metres out to score. A few minutes after Junee was stretchered off the Magpies scored again when Grief popped a quick pass to Paul Smith who scored under the posts. Tony Hall converted to make it 14-6. **(Sunday Telegraph 9th April 1995)**

Western Suburbs whipped a mistake-ridden Sydney Roosters 44-16 in Darwin after leading by only two points shortly after half time. **(The Sun-Herald 9th April 1995)**

Notes: Played in hot, steamy conditions in Darwin, Wests only led 14-12 shortly after half-time but then ran away with the match as the forwards took control and the backs benefited. It was a very torrid up-front clash for about the first sixty minutes. Eastern Suburbs' name-change to the Sydney City Roosters didn't seem to help. Brandon Pearson continued his try-scoring spree.