



1986 Round 6 Sunday 13th April Parramatta Stadium



Parramatta 36

Paul TAYLOR
 Brian JACKSON
 Mark LAURIE
 Steve ELLA
 Graeme ATKINS
 Brett KENNY
 Peter STERLING
 Ray PRICE (c)
 Steve SHARP
 Paul MARES
 Terry LEABEATER
 Michael MOSELEY
 Stan JURD
 Graham SETTREE
 Tony CHALMERS
 Jeremy LILLIS
 David ROWLES

def.

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

Western Suburbs 6

Rod PETHYBRIDGE
 Wilfred WILLIAMS
 Ian NADEN
 Brett GALE
 Paul SHEAHAN
 Michael NEIL
 Brett CLARK
 Ian SCHUBERT
 Gary McFARLANE
 John BILBIJA
 Bruce CLARK (c)
 Alan FALLAH
 Ian FREEMAN
 Allan BURNS
 Trevor COGGER
 Craig CLARKE
 Geoff DILLON



Tries Brett KENNY (2)
 Brian JACKSON
 Tony CHALMERS
 Stan JURD
 Ray PRICE
 Michael MOSELEY

Brett GALE

Goals Steve ELLA (2)
 Graeme ATKINS (2)

Ian SCHUBERT (1)

Match Description

Parramatta: Full-back: P Taylor; three-quarters: B Jackson, S Ella, M Laurie, G Atkins; five-eighth: B Kenny; half: P Sterling; forwards: R Price (c), S Sharp, P Mares, S Jurd, M Moseley, T Leabeater

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Pethybridge; three-quarters: W Williams, B Gale, I Naden, P Sheahan; five-eighth: M Neil; half: B Clark; forwards: I Schubert, G McFarlane, J Bilbija, B Clark (c), A Fallah, I Freeman **Referee: M Stone (Daily Mirror 14th April 1986)**

John Monie thought his Parramatta team would win the match by 30 points. Steve Ghosn, the Western Suburbs coach, believed that everything pointed to a victory for Wests. Monie was exactly right as his team swept aside the challenge of Wests to score seven tries to one to win 36-6 and stay on top of the premiership table. And it's going to take a mighty team to dislodge them. Wests' rugged prop Bruce Clark had to be helped off the field in the second half and there were fears he had broken a bone in his foot. Wests went into the game confident of their chances of winning and knowing they were facing what they believed would be a tired and rather battered Parramatta team. Wests' match plan was simple. They wanted to score first to gain an early advantage and hit hard in defence to remind the Parramatta players they were carrying some bruises. In theory, it was a magnificent plan but someone forgot to give Parramatta the match plan and they went their own way. They scored first. Wests scored next and then Parramatta opened up, and with Brett Kenny utilising his speed and his brilliant passing, Wests' defence was ripped to shreds. Yet the player with the biggest grin after the game was former Wests' prop Terry Leabeater who enjoyed every second of the match against his old team-mates. He sat on the dressing-room floor with four ice packs clamped on various parts of his body and another on his head. He dismissed suggestions that there was some feeling between himself and the Western Suburbs club. "I really don't want to worry about trying to prove myself to my former club," he said. Leabeater lives in the heart of Wests' territory and still mixes with the Wests' players. He said that he and "Bruiser" Clark chatted during the game. "There was no crap out there," Leabeater said matter-of-factly. But he was probably a little disappointed when a Wests' official abused the Wests' trainer for giving him a drink of water late in the match. **(Sydney Morning Herald 14th April 1986)**

Notes: Coach Steve Ghosn's confidence that Wests could come away with a win was shattered early when the full might of a stellar Parramatta team blitzed Wests. Although Parramatta was battered and bruised after the game, Wests couldn't match their speed and power. They weren't helped by both Bruce Clark and Ian Schubert being sent to the sin bin and then Bruce Clark retiring with an injury which turned out to be a broken bone in his foot. The big crowd of 22,575 saw ex-Wests' prop Terry Leabeater carve them up. One bright spot was Trevor Cogger coming on as replacement.