



1993 Round 6 Sunday 18th April Sydney Football Stadium



South Sydney 18

def.

Western Suburbs 12

Rod MAYBON
 Darren SCHOTT
 Brett PATTERSON
 Manoa THOMPSON
 John MINTO
 Tim HORAN
 Craig FIELD
 Matthew FULLER
 Jeremy DONOUGHHER
 Michael ANDREWS (c)
 Mark LYONS
 Sean GARLICK
 Peter JOHNSTON
 Darrell TRINDALL
 Mark CARROLL
 Darren BROWN

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

Andrew LEEDS
 Darren WILLIS
 Brad HUGHES
 Terry HILL
 Mark BELL
 Steve GEORGALLIS
 Jason TAYLOR
 Jason LIDDEN
 Stephen KEARNEY
 Andrew WILLIS
 David GILLESPIE (c)
 Joe THOMAS
 Matt RYAN
 Jason ALCHIN
 Wayne SIMONDS
 Justin DOOLEY



Tries Manoa THOMPSON
 Craig FIELD
 Michael ANDREWS

Terry HILL
 Mark BELL

Goals Craig FIELD (3)

Jason TAYLOR (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: M Bell, B Hughes, T Hill, D Willis; five-eighth: S Georgallis; half: J Taylor; forwards: J Lidden, S Kearney, A Willis, D Gillespie (c), J Thomas, M Ryan

South Sydney: Full-back: R Maybon; three-quarters: D Schott, B Patterson, M Thompson, J Minto; five-eighth: T Horan; half: C Field; forwards: M Fuller, J Donougher, M Andrews (c), M Lyons, S Garlick, P Johnston **Referee: G West (Daily Telegraph 19th April 1993)**

Souths are back. The team which brought you heart-attack football last year has regained the form that fills fans with palpitations. The thrill of victory is never the same for Souths unless they first step into the lion's den. Or, as yesterday, run the risk of being pecked to death by Magpies. As for Wests, well, they are simply suicidal. Yesterday was a nice day for football. But not a day for nice football. Wests appeared to have control after the first half which saw glimpses of quality from Terry Hill and a do-as-you-please effort from Jason Taylor. If it had not been for a freakish bounce just before half-time Wests would have led 12-2 and that would probably have been enough. Instead, Craig Field's kick over the top eluded intended receiver Rod Maybon and bounced into Field's arms. The certainty with which the ball seemed destined to bounce for Maybon was illustrated by the fact that three Wests' defenders were converging on him which, as it turned out, left Field free to scamper 40m. Earlier, the ball eluded Maybon with somewhat different results. This time it was Taylor's chip-kick and when Maybon turned to chase at the 30m he fell over, allowing Bell to run through and gather for a neat try. Maybon obviously had the ball de-magnetised at half-time. From that moment he was seen frequently clutching it to his bosom with great effect. He's only a little bloke but fellas with less ticker have played for Australia. Field's converted try had a remarkable effect. Wests had been playing enterprising football, throwing the ball around like Souths did last year – even to the stage where they mimicked the intercept pass. And to exaggerate the sense of déjà vu, Souths even dropped the ball a lot like last year. And their best attacking weapon looked to be hope. For a long time, the game appeared to be disappearing into a sunset of mistakes and other atrocities, the most common being the dropped ball. But, inspired by Maybon, Souths never gave up even though there were only 10 more minutes on the clock. In those final moments Manoa Thompson and Michael Andrews used the dummy to great effect to score tries. Thompson, whose football could be compared to a Rolls Royce engine (he has a lot of trouble warming up but look out when he accelerates), is used to scoring the odd try. But Andrews, according to Souths' boss Terry Parker, "last scored a try when we were 100 Pipers." What? Parker was forced to explain: "The last time Michael Andrews scored we were sponsored by 100 Pipers." Oh. On the other side of the tunnel, Wokka blamed the weight of mistakes for yet another disappointment. "We are playing like a bottom-of-the-table team – which we are," he said. Aware of the stiff deterrent to even objectively evaluating a referee's performance, Wokka said: "Well, I wouldn't give him 10 out of 10." No, the referee was no Nadia Comaneci. **(The Daily Telegraph Mirror 19th April 1993)**

Notes: Wests clearly looked the better side in the first half, but only led 12-8 at half-time. However, in the second half, Souths had a glut of possession and Wests played like a bottom-of-the-ladder team, dropping the ball on numerous occasions, dropped balls that led to Souths' tries. Five losses in a row and Wests seemed to be out of the semi race. Brad Hughes made his debut in the centres.