



1991 Round 6 Sunday 21st April Parramatta Stadium



Western Suburbs 47

def.

Parramatta 12

Shaun DEVINE
 Stephen BURNS
 Andrew FARRAR
 Jamie AINSCOUGH
 Tony COSATTO
 Ivan HENJAK (c)
 Jason TAYLOR
 Ron GIBBS
 Graeme WYNN
 Jason LIDDEN
 David GILLESPIE
 Joe THOMAS
 Tony RAMPLING
 Jim DYMOCK
 Steve JACKSON
 Peter TREVITT

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

Andrew LEEDS
 Joe BARTOLO
 David PENNA
 Glen LIDDIARD
 Robert MUCHMORE
 Brett KENNY (c)
 Jason BELL
 Mark LAURIE
 Mark HORO
 Chris KING
 Greg DRAKE
 Mark BARNES
 John FEARNLEY
 George BARTLETT
 Peter JOHNSTON
 Matt MUNRO
 David WOODS

Tries Stephen BURNS (3)
 Jim DYMOCK (2)
 Andrew FARRAR
 Jamie AINSCOUGH

Jason BELL (2)

Goals Jason TAYLOR (9)
 Andrew FARRAR (1) Field Goal

Glen LIDDIARD (1)
 Andrew LEEDS (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: S Devine; three-quarters: S Burns, A Farrar, J Ainscough, T Cosatto; five-eighth: I Henjak (c); half: J Taylor; forwards: G Wynn, J Lidden, R Gibbs, D Gillespie, J Thomas, T Rampling

Parramatta: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: J Bartolo, D Penna, G Liddiard, R Muchmore; five-eighth: B Kenny (c); half: J Bell; forwards: M Laurie, M Horo, C King, G Drake, M Barnes, J Fearnley **Referee: G Weekes (Big Leaguer 24th April 1991)**

Wests' coach Warren Ryan suffered a nasty attack of the *deja vu* for 10 minutes at Parramatta Stadium yesterday. Coasting 22-2 at half-time, the Magpies got a jolt when Parramatta punched in two tries to make it 22-12 early in the second half. At that stage, Ryan's mind clicked back two weeks – to a 14-0 lead squandered against St George, who went on to win 20-18. But Wests quickly put their coach back into relaxation mode when they flattened the Eels in the final quarter. The last 22 minutes brought 25 points – a devastating finale which humbled Parramatta and left the scoreboard at an embarrassing 47-12. ... It was a shattering victory by the Magpies. Their young turks scored their points, but it was bunch of flint-hard journeymen forwards who laid the foundations. The pack of Tony Rampling, Joe Thomas, David Gillespie and Graeme Wynn, Jason Lidden and Ron Gibbs gathered at Campbelltown from all points of the compass. Bruising in the tradition of Ryan-coached teams, they trampled Parramatta in the latter stages. Heading the charge was the well-travelled Tony Rampling, back from a bush campaign in 1990 – and looking as formidable as he was when he played first grade in Sydney – with Souths, back in 1981. It was an impressive flexing of muscles as Wests start to make their presence felt this premiership season after a slowish start. Half-back Jason Taylor kicked brilliantly to build on the seven tries scored, and 20-year-old winger Stephen Burns, who joined Wests via Penrith and Illawarra, scored three of the touchdowns with excellent finishing. Taylor kicked nine goals from 10 attempts: his one miss was a sideline conversion shot, and he has now landed 18 goals from 21 attempts in his last three games. ... The first Wests' try (Andrew Farrar, 11 minutes), came off a pass which was heading a long way forward before a Parramatta hand flicked it. Referee Geoff Week's decision to rule play-on looked questionable. Wests built on that try with two to winger Burns, off props Rampling and Gillespie. The Eels' hope of a glorious recovery quickly evaporated. Jamie Ainscough scored a try, Taylor kicked a couple of goals and Farrar a field goal – and then the floodgates really opened. The last 10 minutes were devastating for Parramatta as Burns and replacement forward Jim Dymock (2) galloped in for tries. "We've got to keep working – and try to turn it around. There's nothing else we can do," Cronin said afterwards. Last on the ladder and yet to break their premiership duck, Parramatta face up to high-flyers Manly next Sunday. Wests meet Brisbane on Friday night. **(Sydney Morning Herald 22nd April 1991)**

Notes: Wests finally realised their potential and blitzed Parramatta in the second half, scoring 25 points in the last 20 minutes. The forward pack was completely on top at that stage and the backs, particularly winger Stephen Burns, reaped the rewards. Tony Rampling had a very strong game, rolling back the years to his Souths' heyday. Jason Taylor continued his stellar goal-kicking with nine out of ten, some from the sideline.