



# 1996 Round 6 Sunday 28th April Newcastle Sports Centre



## Newcastle 26

Robbie O'DAVIS  
 Darren ALBERT  
 Brad GODDEN  
 Brett GROGAN  
 Keith BEAUCHAMP  
 Matthew JOHNS  
 Andrew JOHNS (c)  
 Marc GLANVILLE  
 Adam MUIR  
 Paul MARQUET  
 Paul HARRAGON  
 Lee JACKSON  
 Tony BUTTERFIELD  
 Bill PEDEN  
 Darren TREACY  
 Glenn GRIEF  
 Robbie McCORMACK

def.

## Western Suburbs 4

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



**Tries**  
 Adam MUIR  
 Paul HARRAGON  
 Brad GODDEN  
 Keith BEAUCHAMP

Paul BELL

**Goals**  
 Andrew JOHNS (5)

### Match Description

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

**Newcastle:** Full-back: R O'Davis; three-quarters: D Albert, B Godden, B Grogan, K Beauchamp; five-eighth: M Johns; half: A Johns; forwards: M Glanville, A Muir, P Marquet, P Harragon, L Jackson, T Butterfield **Referee: P McBlane (Daily Telegraph 29th April 1996)**

Newcastle coach Mal Reilly let the cat out of the bag with his World Cup forward Adam Muir at Marathon Stadium yesterday. Muir, who produced a five-star performance to lead the Knights to a 26-4 win over Wests, had hoped to conceal the fact he went into the game with a fractured foot. ... Muir had a willing partner in skipper Paul Harragon who has also hit his straps on the eve of the representative season. Harragon plunged over for a try late in the game, ran strongly through the rucks and his defence often drove Magpie runners backwards. Halfback Andrew Johns, back on deck after appendix operation 10 days ago, also played a dominant role. ... Reilly stopped short of declaring the Knights were back to their best after their stuttering start to the season, despite yesterday's score lines "There were many pleasing aspects, but there were still too many unforced errors," Reilly said. "Last week against Penrith we played our best football of the season so far and we are certainly back on the right track." Fullback Robbie O'Davis and centre Brett Grogan were the other Knights to catch the eye. Magpie coached Tom Raudonikis left the stadium straight after the game by helicopter to assist in the selection of the Country Origin team. Skipper Langmack spoke for the side in his place. Langmack said it was difficult for each team to maintain form on a week-to-week basis. "For a new side like ours we're a week-to-week proposition, but we do have the potential to get better," he insisted. Langmack was critical of his own performance which included several wayward passes. "I'm playing like a draught horse. I'll have to talk to Tommy about staying in the side," he said. "Since I had a cartilage removed from my knee I have no power in one leg and that affects my ability to pass the ball accurately." Wests often got themselves into sound field position but couldn't get the ball across the line. While the Newcastle defence deserves much of the credit for that situation it did appear the Magpies simply ran out of ideas under pressure. They finally scored their only try after a freakish effort by centre Kevin McGuinness. McGuinness chased a Langmack kick which looked like going into touch near the corner post. Fullback O'Davis thought the ball would go into touch. McGuinness thought otherwise. The little centre kicked the ball into O'Davis' leg, caught the rebound and passed to Paul Bell for a try. That brought the score to 10-4 to Newcastle after 50 minutes, but it was to be the last hurrah for the Magpies. Muir beat four tackles to put the game out of reach five minutes later with a try and soon after breached the Magpie line again to set up a try for winger Keith Beauchamp. It was a day the Magpies would want to forget, but it clearly indicated that after getting the fright of their lives early in the season, the Knights at least have the potential to make the play-offs again this year. ....(The Daily Telegraph 29th April 1996)

**Notes:** Ken McGuinness went to full-back in the place of the injured Andrew Leeds and was the bright spot in an otherwise dismal performance. Paul Langmack was worried by the apparent loss of form, particularly the poor effort in the second half. The forward pack couldn't handle the power of the Newcastle six and were clearly out-muscled.