



## 1997 Round 7 Saturday 19th April Kogarah Oval



### Western Suburbs 24

def.

### St George 8

Andrew LEEDS  
Darren WILLIS  
Brandon PEARSON  
Ken McGUINNESS  
Aseri LAING  
Kevin McGUINNESS  
Steve GEORGALLIS  
Paul LANGMACK (c)  
Shane MILLARD  
Bill DUNN  
Harvey HOWARD  
Ciriaco MESCIA  
John SKANDALIS  
Des HASLER  
Adam DOYLE  
Damian KENNEDY  
James SMITH

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

Dean RAPER  
Mark BELL  
Mark COYNE (c)  
Jamie AINSCOUGH  
Adrian BRUNKER  
Jeff HARDY  
Gavin CLINCH  
Wayne BARTRIM  
Darren TREACY  
Lance THOMPSON  
Colin WARD  
Nathan BROWN  
Tony HEARN  
Jim LENIHAN  
Brad SMITH  
Corey PEARSON  
Andrew TANGATA-TOA

**Tries**                      Brandon PEARSON  
                                  Aseri LAING  
                                  Andrew LEEDS  
                                  Darren WILLIS

Adrian BRUNKER

**Goals**                      Andrew LEEDS (4)

Wayne BARTRIM (2)

#### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Willis, Ken McGuinness, B Pearson, A Laing; five-eighth: Kevin McGuinness; half: Steve Georgallis; forwards: P Langmack (c), B Dunn, S Millard, J Skandalis, C Mescia, H Howard

**St George:** Full-back: D Raper; three-quarters: M Bell, M Coyne (c), J Ainscough, A Bruncker; five-eighth: J Hardy; half: G Clinch; forwards: W Bartrim, D Treacy, L Thompson, C Ward, N Brown, T Hearn    **Referee: M Hewitt (Big League 19th April 1997)**

Perennial battlers Western Suburbs rekindled their premiership fires with a resounding 24-8 victory over a listless St George at Kogarah Oval yesterday. Fired up by master motivator Tom Raudonikis, the Magpies raced on four tries to one to carve out their second win in seven starts this season. Veteran fullback Andrew Leeds was the hero, scoring a try and kicking four goals in a terrific display. Saints' winning run of four matches was ruthlessly halted by a team that out-enthused, out-tackled and out-played them in all facets. The Magpies thoroughly deserved their 12-8 half time lead. Leeds opened the scoring with a penalty goal in the eighth minute before Wests soaked up pressure. With the match 21 minutes old, Wests' centre Brandon Pearson was wrongly penalised for a St George player after a kick – the touch judge should have reported hooker Cherry Mescia instead. Lock Wayne Bartrim levelled at 2-all from an easy angle. Good lead-up work by Paul Langmack and Pearson saw winger Darren Willis over the line but he was held up by two defenders for a no-try ruling. The Magpies, however, were gathering momentum and a pass dropped by Saints' centre Jamie Ainscough resulted in the first try of the match. The ball was pounced on by Aseri Laing, who fired a pass to Pearson to power through two tackles and score. It was Pearson again, who entered the play to engineer a fine try by winger Willis after a 40-metre burst from deep in his own half. Leeds converted, giving the Magpies a commanding 12-2 advantage. But Saints hit back through a well-orchestrated try to winger Adrian Bruncker. Bartram's conversion from wide out trimmed Wests' deficit to just four points at the halfway mark. The Magpies opened the second session full of enthusiasm. Leeds landed a penalty goal in the 45th minute and a short time later skipper Langmack engineered a crucial try for winger Laing with a kick. Coach Raudonikis had poured in the work all week and had to find a fine line between aggression and illegal play. His forward pack responded magnificently. The return of big English pop Harvey Howard gave Wests extra authority and mobility up front and were able to establish a sound footing against last year's Grand Final pack. **(The Sunday Telegraph 20th April 1997)**

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**Notes:** In a huge form reversal, Wests, led by a resurgent Paul Langmack, caused a big upset. Langmack was involved in three of the four tries. Brandon Pearson was dynamic in the centres, while the return of Harvey Howard provided some up-front grunt. Kevin McGuinness' outstanding defence at five-eighth was also noted.