



1995 Round 7 Saturday 22nd April Endeavour Field



Western Suburbs 18

def.

Cronulla-Sutherland 14



Andrew LEEDS
 Paul SMITH
 Brandon PEARSON
 Paul BELL
 Darren WILLIS
 Andrew WILLIS
 Steve GEORGALLIS
 Paul LANGMACK (c)
 Jim SERDARIS
 Bill DUNN
 Brent STUART
 Ciriaco MESCIA
 Glenn GRIEF
 Mark HORO
 Justin DOOLEY
 Tony WALL
 Ken MCGUINNESS

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

Ben SAMMUT
 Mat ROGERS
 Andrew ETTINGHAUSEN (c)
 Paul DONAGHY
 Paul DOOLAN
 Mitch HEALEY
 Paul GREEN
 Dave BROUGHTON
 Les DAVIDSON
 Sean RYAN
 Adam RITSON
 Aaron RAPER
 Danny LEE
 Nathan LONG
 Matthew DAYLIGHT
 Craig GREENHILL
 Andrew PIERCE

Tries
 Darren WILLIS
 Paul LANGMACK
 Bill DUNN

Andrew ETTINGHAUSEN
 Sean RYAN

Goals
 Andrew LEEDS (3)

Mat ROGERS (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, P Bell, B Pearson, D Willis; five-eighth: A Willis; half: S Georgallis; forwards: P Langmack (c), J Serdaris, B Dunn, B Stuart, C Mescia, G Grief

Cronulla-Sutherland: Full-back: B Sammut; three-quarters: M Rogers, A Ettinghausen (c), P Donaghy, P Doolan; five-eighth: M Healey; half: P Green; forwards: D Broughton, L Davidson, S Ryan, A Ritson, A Raper, D Lee **Referee: D Manson (Big League 23rd April 1995)**

Gallant Western Suburbs scored two tries in the last 12 minutes for an upset 18-14 win over Cronulla at Caltex Field last night. The Magpies looked down and out, trailing 14-6 late in the match, before launching their superb comeback. A try four minutes from time by second-rower Bill Dunn from a grubber kick by hooker Cherry Mescia sealed victory. Dunn was swamped by jubilant teammates when he touched down centimetres from the dead ball line to get the Magpies home. "I reckon I had about six inches to spare," Dunn said. "I didn't think I was going to get the ball but it set up for me at the last second." The victory was a confidence boost for the Magpies after their last-minute loss to Newcastle last week. "The boys were dirty on themselves for losing last week and it was a great way to make amends," coach Tom Raudonikis said. Sharks' coach John Lang was fuming at the way his team let a certain two points slip through their hands. "We were determined to get beaten and didn't deserve to win," Lang said. "We were down on our intensity and can't seem to assert ourselves." The Sharks, almost unbeatable at home in recent years, have now lost three of their last four matches at Caltex. Hero for Wests was fullback Andrew Leeds. **(Sunday Telegraph 23rd April 1995)**

Tom Raudonikis' never-say-die Magpies last night snatched a last-gasp win over Cronulla - with just six inches and four minutes to spare at Caltex Field. Referee David Manson estimated the Wests' matchwinner, second-rower Bill Dunn, was six inches from the dead ball line when he touched down for the try that won the game. Dunn had chased a kick through by hooker Cherry Mescia, reaching the ball just in time. For Wests, unlucky losers last week against Newcastle, it was a gutsy and satisfying win. Down 14-6 after Andrew Ettinghausen had run half the field for a Cronulla try, they were on the ropes. But a try by Darren Willis in the 28th minute and then Dunn's late dive secured a thrilling win. "These blocks just want to play football," said a delighted Raudonikis. "That was great for us after last week." The Wests' coach revealed that three of his players had taken worrying injuries into the match. Under the circumstances, it was a triumph for Magpie spirit and enthusiasm. Cronulla's two-try burst in the middle of the second half looked like winning the match for the locals after a slogging first half. Tries by Ettinghausen and Sean Ryan brought the crowd of 12,785 to life as Cronulla skipped away "We just seem determined to get beaten tonight," said a disappointed Cronulla coach John Lang. The star of the match was Wests' fullback Andrew Leeds, who gave a faultless and involved display, again reinforcing his value to the Magpies. But there were strong efforts right across the park from a team which will make it hard going for all their opponents if they can maintain the spirit and form of the past two weeks. Skipper Paul Langmack was particularly impressive as he drove Wests on to victory in the second half. **(The Sun-Herald 23rd April 1995)**

Notes: Wests won the game in the last four minutes when Bill Dunn touched down six inches from the dead-ball line, off a Cherry Mescia grubber. Andrew Leeds was clearly the best player on the field but Paul Langmack's driving captaincy was a major factor in the win.