



1991 Round 7 Friday 26th April Campbelltown Stadium



Western Suburbs 17

def.

Brisbane 16

Shaun DEVINE
 Stephen BURNS
 Trevor COGGER
 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
 Reece WEBB

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

Paul HAUFF
 Willie CARNE
 Steve RENOUF
 Chris JOHNS
 Brett PLOWMAN
 Kevin WALTERS
 Allan LANGER (c)
 Terry MATTERSON
 Trevor GILLMEISTER
 Andrew GEE
 James DONNELLY
 Kerrod WALTERS
 Andrew TESSMAN
 Tony CURRIE
 Brett Le MAN
 Mark HOHN

Tries Tony COSATTO
 David GILLESPIE

Brett PLOWMAN
 Allan LANGER
 Chris JOHNS

Goals Jason TAYLOR (5) One field goal

Terry MATTERSON (2)

Match Description

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

Brisbane: Full-back: P Hauff; three-quarters: W Carne, S Renouf, C Johns, B Plowman; five-eighth: K Walters; half: A Langer (c); forwards: T Matterson, T Gillmeister, A Gee, J Donnelly, K Walters, A Tessman **Referee: G McCallum (Big League 1st May 1991)**

Queensland's State of Origin hopes were struck a blow last night when Brisbane hooker Kerrod Walters was sent off as the Broncos crashed to a shock 17-16 loss to Wests. Walters was marched in the 16th minute of the match for use of an elbow in a tackle on Wests' veteran forward Graeme Wynn. The send-off was crucial as Wests went on to edge out a 12-man Brisbane side in a titanic struggle in front of 10,357 fans at Campbelltown Sports Ground. Although beaten, Brisbane gave an exhilarating display, driven by half Allan Langer. Langer gave an inspired performance of imagination and flair to score one try and lay on the other two for his team. Brisbane out-scored Wests three tries to two but were beaten by the quick thinking of pencil-thin Magpies half, Jason Taylor and sheer Western Suburbs' enthusiasm. Taylor snapped a quick field goal in the first half that provided the difference as well as kicking four super goals – one from near half-way and two others from difficult positions. The send-off could have serious repercussions for Queensland. The Maroons name their State of Origin side tomorrow night and will name Walters in the line-up pending the judiciary hearing. But if Walters is suspended, he will have to be ruled out of the State team because the Broncos are not scheduled to play a match before the first Origin game on Wednesday week. With several representatives in the Origin line-up, Brisbane will not play next weekend – the first week of a split round. Walters' dismissal added to Brisbane's first-half problems as they struggled to contain an enthusiastic Wests. Baby-faced half Jason Taylor had a spectacular first 40 minutes, kicking three goals – two of them long-range – plus a field goal. His accurate goal-kicking gave Wests the impetus they were looking for as they hustled Brisbane into error. Wests got off to a great start with a try on the board after only three minutes. Kangaroo second-rower David Gillespie side-stepped Brisbane forward Terry Matterson and showed enormous strength to score in an easy position for Taylor to convert. The big crowd applauded the brilliant start but were sombre three minutes later when Brisbane replied. Test half Allan Langer dummied and shrugged off Gillespie to score in a handy position, but Matterson missed the conversion. Taylor added his second goal in the 11th minute for an 8-4 lead and then his third goal in the aftermath of Walters being sent off. Down a man, Brisbane struggled desperately to halt Wests' tide of attack. Players flung themselves desperately in the path of the Magpies' ball carriers, narrowly stopping several attacking raids. Fortune swung Brisbane's way a little in the 25th minute when Wests' forward Steve Jackson was penalised in front of the posts. Matterson kicked the goal for 10-6. But Wests continued to do most of the attacking. But after a thrill-a-minute contest, Wests hung on gamely to win. **(Daily Telegraph 27th April 1991)**

Notes: Wests made history on the night, being the first team to beat Brisbane in all three grades. The Broncos were down to 12 men after 20 minutes when Kerrod Walters was sent off but Allan Langer had one of his brilliant games and Wests had to battle hard to eventually prevail with a Taylor field goal. Taylor's four out of four goals was the difference in the end. On the other hand, Wests were without Britt, Bukowski, Lindner, Langmack, Cameron Blair, Wyer, Simonds and Farrar, so the win was still full of merit.