



1994 Round 8 Sunday 1st May Sydney Football Stadium



Western Suburbs 18

drew with

Eastern Suburbs 18



Andrew LEEDS
 Paul SMITH
 Manoa THOMPSON
 Jason EADE
 Darren WILLIS
 Andrew WILLIS
 Steve GEORGALLIS
 Jason BENGÉ
 Paul LANGMACK (c)
 Stephen KEARNEY
 Glenn GRIEF
 Jim SERDARIS
 Neil TIERNEY
 Mark AFFLICK
 Bill DUNN
 Ken MCGUINNESS

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

Rod SILVA
 Jason KEOUGH
 Luke RICKETSON
 Craig WESTON
 Jeff ORFORD
 Brendan HALL
 Jason HUDSON
 Mark PROTHEROE
 Jason LOWRIE
 Tony IRO
 Bruce SINCLAIR
 Wayne MARSHALL
 Craig SALVATORI (c)
 Jason TASSELL
 Mark BARNES
 Clinton O'BRIEN

Tries Paul LANGMACK
 Glenn GRIEF
 Neil TIERNEY

Craig SALVATORI
 Tony IRO
 Jason HUDSON

Goals Andrew LEEDS (3)

Craig WESTON (3)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: R Silva; three-quarters: J Keough, L Ricketson, C Weston, J Orford; five-eighth: B Hall; half: J Hudson; forwards: M Protheroe, J Lowrie, T Iro, B Sinclair, W Marshall, C Salvatori (c)

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, M Thompson, J Eade, D Willis; five-eighth: A Willis; half: S Georgallis; forwards: J Benge, S Kearney, P Langmack (c), G Grief, J Serdaris, N Tierney **Referee: T Mander (Daily Telegraph 2nd May 1994)**

The former Eastern Suburbs half back, Brian Smith, might be chiding himself this morning for a hasty announcement. Had he delayed his decision on his football career until after yesterday's 18-18 draw with Western Suburbs at the Sydney Football Stadium, he might be playing first grade this weekend. Smith had several reasons for retiring from football last week but the clincher was that he'd been deposed as half back by a young former centre, Jason Hudson, who then played a wonderful match against the Gold Coast, drawing comparisons with Allan Langer from Easts' coach Mark Murray. Indeed, Murray's post-match comments suggested Hudson would be the half until the turn of the century. It would be unfair to say Hudson had a shocker yesterday - he did not. He did some good things, not least an individual try; But, on balance, he had a poor game, for his passing was indecisive and ineffective. Murray declined to be critical, saying only "It was a different game, a different situation for him to play in the last week", but he acknowledged that Hudson had tried to be too fancy and had looked best when running at the opposition rather than trying to baffle it with clever passes. Asked whether Hudson would retain his position next week, Murray said he'd have to study the video. Smith is not as fast or elusive but his link-play was missed, as were his tactical kicking, goalkicking and field goal expertise. Easts had two attempts at a field goal in the last four minutes, both ludicrously ambitious miscues by prop Craig Salvatori. The draw was a fair result although Easts would have been less satisfied with it, having led 18-10 with 9 minutes left. Wests' prop Glen Grief was the last to handle in a fine passage which ended in a converted try, then, with four and a half minutes on the clock, Wests' most dependable and underrated player, fullback Andrew Leeds, kicked a penalty goal from 39 metres to tie the scores. Coach Murray said "Wests were constantly offside and, as a consequence, his backline had difficulty stringing three passes together." He said of Wests' coach Warren Ryan his ABC radio Co commentator: "For someone who advocates 11-man teams to open up the game and entertain, it was a bit of a conflict in coaching there." Although Wests' ball control and general attacking execution was still heavily flawed, the enthusiasm they had rediscovered the previous week against Canterbury was present again. They played for 20 minutes with a player in the sin bin and, afterwards, Ryan had the demeanour of a winning coach. "The thing is, if you came to training, the boys are happy, they're alright," Ryan said when it was suggested his team was coping well with internal drama. "I was only saying the other night "You're a terrific bunch to work with." They all get on well together. The drama seems to be more interesting to people on the outside than to the people on the inside, as it always is." **(Sydney Morning Herald 2nd May 1994)**

Notes: Wests were down 18-10 with ten minutes to go but showed real grit and determination to come back for a draw, Andrew Leeds landing a critical 40 metre penalty with four minutes left. Wests were very competitive again for the second game in a row. Easts scored while Steve Georgallis was in the sin-bin. Glenn Grief was clearly the best player on the field, while the game marked the debut of Ken McGuinness.