



1995 Round 8 Sunday 30th April Campbelltown Stadium



Western Suburbs 30

def.

Sydney Tigers 12

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
Ken MCGUINNESS

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

Greg BARWICK
Jeremy MOORS
Tim BRASHER
Darren SENTER
Shane RUSSELL
Michael GILLETT
Tony PRICE
Mark O'NEILL
Derek McVEY
Paul SIRONEN (c)
Dan STAINS
Stephen SCAHILL
Shane WALKER
Sean McVEAN
Steve EDMED

Tries

Darren WILLIS (2)
Brent STUART
Paul SMITH
Justin DOOLEY

Derek McVEY
Jeremy MOORS

Goals

Andrew WILLIS (4)
Andrew LEEDS (1)

Greg BARWICK (2)

Match Description

Sydney Tigers: Full-back: G Barwick; three-quarters: J Moors, T Brasher, D Senter, S Russell; five-eighth: M Gillett; half: T Price; forwards: M O'Neill, D McVey, P Sironen (c), D Stains, S Scahill, S Walker

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, G Grief, C Mescia, B Stuart **Referee: M Lewis (Daily Telegraph 1st May 1995)**

This time last year, the well-travelled Paul Langmack, by his own admission, was "today's fish and chips wrap." But a good dose of TLC, Tommy Raudonikis style, and the former long-serving Bulldogs' career is again blossoming. Langmack, 28, didn't score any tries or make any spectacular bursts in Western Suburbs' triumph over the Sydney Tigers at Campbelltown yesterday. However, in a no-frills club which prides itself on the camaraderie among troops, the Magpies' skipper did enough of the hard yakka to be voted players' player of the match. Trailing 12-0 after 10 minutes, Wests needed to produce some of the trademark Magpie spirit to match an equally determined and no-frills Tigers' line-up. And in an entertaining contest, Wests rallied to go to the break ahead 16-12. After an absorbing and scoreless battle of attrition for much of the second half, Wests broke through courtesy of an unfortunate blunder from young Tiger winger Jeremy Moors, whose crab-like attempts to run around the defence after fielding a kick resulted in his spilling the ball in front of the posts as he was hit by three defenders. One of them, winger Darren Willis, pounced on the loose ball and as a consequence the Magpies secured victory and equal 5th spot on the table. Langmack is in no doubt as to what Wests are doing right. "We get on the piss mate! No, there's good spirit, and the main thing - it's Tom Raudonikis, he coaches from the heart," he said. "We get together once a week, have a beer and we've got to buy a \$2 raffle ticket to win a carton of grog - that's been going on every week of the season. Tommy is a great bloke and we are all in it together - that's probably why I'm playing well again." To experience a Wests' victory at Campbelltown is to take a step back to old fashioned values and simple pleasures. It was no surprise that Elvis provided the pre-game entertainment - a homeboy rapper wearing an inverted baseball cap couldn't have been guaranteed safe passage in Magpie territory. Langmack wasn't troubled by a high tackle from Paul Sironen, which left the veteran Tiger on report. For Langmack and Wests, the old school values are making a welcome return to rugby league. "It's probably going out of football the last couple of years - players weren't allowed to drink and that sort of thing - a bit of character probably went out of the game for a while," he said. Judging by the standing ovation from the crowd of 8,532, the Magpie faithful couldn't be happier with Tommy and his merry men. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 1st May 1995)**

Notes: Wests were down 12-0 early and far away from their game plan, but Glenn Grief and Brent Stuart got them back on track, powering up front, and Wests led 16-12 at half-time. Paul Langmack was again the workhorse and was clearly voted the Players' player by his peers.