



1989 Round 8 Sunday 7th May Kogarah Oval



Western Suburbs 18

def.

St George 16

Brett DOCHERTY
Wayne SIMONDS
Allen GEELAN
Jason STAFFORD
Graham MACKAY
Brendon TUUTA
Trevor COGGER
Cameron BLAIR (c)
Chris BLAIR
Dave GALLAGHER
Craig TEITZEL
Shane FLANAGAN
Ian FREEMAN
Dave WOODS
Kelvin SKERRETT
Stuart RAPER
Jason LIDDEN

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

Darren SOUTH
Ricky WALFORD
Brian JOHNSTON (c)
Michael BEATTIE
Clinton MOHR
Peter GILL
Steve LINNANE
Brad MACKAY
Wally FULLERTON-SMITH
John FIFITA
Paul OSBORNE
Trevor BAILEY
Shane KELLY
Trevor CROW
Matthew ELLIOTT
Steve ROBINSON
Billy NOKE

Tries Graham MACKAY
Craig TEITZEL
Shane FLANAGAN

Brian JOHNSTON
Trevor BAILEY

Goals Graham MACKAY (3)

Ricky WALFORD (4)

Match Description

St George: Full-back: D South; three-quarters: R Walford, B Johnston (c), M Beattie, C Mohr; five-eighth: P Gill; half: S Linnane; forwards: B Mackay, W Fullerton-Smith, J Fifita, P Osborne, T Bailey, S Kelly

Western Suburbs: Full-back: B Docherty; three-quarters: G Mackay, A Geelan, J Stafford, W Simonds; five-eighth: B Tuuta; half: T Cogger; forwards: Cameron Blair (c), Chris Blair, D Gallagher, C Teitzel, S Flanagan, I Freeman **Referee: C Ward (Big League 10th May 1989)**

Western Suburbs coach John Bailey made a triumphant return to his old stomping ground for the first time in three years when the tenacious Magpies defeated his old club St George yesterday. Kogarah Oval holds special significance for Bailey, the former St George five-eighth and lower-grade coach. Yesterday he was reminded what it is like to win at the famous ground, even though he was in the unfamiliar surroundings of the visitors' change-room for the first time. The Wests' pack, with skipper Cameron Blair leading by example, paved the way for victory by getting on top of their rivals from the opening whistle and never letting up. Prop Craig Teitzel and second-rower Dave Gallagher also stood out for their tireless work throughout the game. "I thought we generally had more bustle than they did," Bailey said. St George coach Craig Young was very unhappy with the effort of his forwards. He said their defence cost the side victory and they were also too slow around the rucks. "Some of the players have to have a good look at themselves," an angry Young said. One player spared from the criticism was lock Brad Mackay, who turned in an enthusiastic display after switching from the centres. Young said Mackay's performance was outstanding and he was easily their best player. "We always looked better with the ball out wide and created enough opportunities to win," Young said. It was only Wests' second win of the season, but there is a real feeling of confidence in the club with the knowledge that Ellery Hanley arrives this week and will be available for their next game with Souths. "I believe when Ellery arrives, we will go right on with it, not just because he is a great player, but he will settle them down and take the pressure off the younger blokes," Bailey said. "He is the best player in the world, and I would say he would probably have to go into the side." English prop Kevin Skerrett, who made his debut for Wests in the second half against St George, turned on an impressive display. "He is very fit and keen," Bailey said. Another Englishman, David Croft, who played 11 first-grade games for Bradford Northern last season, will make his debut for Wests in their President's Cup team next weekend. Wests may further boost their playing strength by signing English Test back Gary Schofield. The club is reported to be close to getting his signature. **(Sydney Morning Herald 8th May 1989)**

Notes: With the return of Chris Blair from injury, Brendon Tuuta moved into five-eighth and Jason Lidden came on as a replacement. Wests took on St George in the forwards and the tactic worked well, as Wests were never out of control and only a late try by St George made the scores respectable. Both St George tries were scored when Wests had players in the sin-bin. Cameron Blair gave another non-stop performance while Teitzel, Gallagher, Tuuta and Stafford were all strong. Englishman Kelvin Skerrett came on as a replacement and made a big impression.