



1984 Round 20 Sunday 15th July Wollongong Showground



Illawarra 22

Wayne McPHERSON
 Stan BROWNE
 Kim PATRICK
 Brian HETHERINGTON
 Jason MOON
 Greg MACKEY
 Kevin KELLY
 Geoff SELBY
 Steve WORTHINGTON
 Rod REDDY
 Scott GREENLAND
 Michael BOLT (c)
 Peter SMITH
 Craig DIMOND

def.

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

Western Suburbs 16

George GHOSN
 Steve BROUGHTON (c)
 George KATSOGIANNIS
 Trevor COGGER
 Mick PINKERTON
 Michael NEIL
 Brett CLARK
 Mark HARRIGAN
 Ian FREEMAN
 Michael DUKE
 Garry WEBSTER
 Alan FALLAH
 Bruce CLARK
 Allen GEELAN
 John McARTHUR



Tries

Kim PATRICK
 Greg MACKEY
 Scott GREENLAND
 Stan BROWNE

Trevor COGGER
 Brett CLARK
 Steve BROUGHTON

Goals

Wayne McPHERSON (3)

Steve BROUGHTON (1)
 John McARTHUR (1)

Match Description

Illawarra: Full-back: W McPherson; three-quarters: S Browne, K Patrick, B Hetherington, J Moon; five-eighth: G Mackey; half; K Kelly; forwards: G Selby, S Worthington, R Reddy, S Greenland, M Bolt (c), P Smith

Western Suburbs: Full-back: G Ghosn; three-quarters: S Broughton (c), G Katsogiannis, T Cogger, M Pinkerton; five-eighth: M Neil; half: B Clark; forwards: M Harrigan, I Freeman, M Duke, B Clark, A Fallah, G Webster **Referee: G West (The Daily Mirror 16th July 1984)**

“We’re in a similar position where we can make the five and we haven’t given up by any means.” While the Steelers can make the semi-finals mathematically, they certainly can’t make it on current form. After successive losses to Souths and Norths in recent weeks, Illawarra were little better yesterday, making heavy weather of beating the plucky but lightweight Magpies. Wests led 4-0 early, trailed 18-4 early in the second half and then came back to within striking distance of a draw in the dying stages. Both sides dropped too much ball to make the game an attractive spectacle, with the Steelers scoring some slick tries but looking anything but potential semi-finalists. The Magpies, whose only win this season was over Illawarra in the first round, looked set for a repeat performance when skipper Steve Broughton scored in the corner after smart lead-up work by second-rower Ian Freeman. But the Steelers hit back only four minutes later when big prop Scott Greenland charged over under the posts for a converted try that put his side ahead 6-4. Illawarra sealed the game with two tries within seven minutes early in the second half, with five-eighth Greg Mackey and centre Kim Patrick scoring in quick succession. Freeman again did the lead-up work for the Magpies’ second try to half Brett Clark, which brought the scores back to 18-10 in the Steelers’ favour. But the Steelers again shot ahead 13 minutes from the end, with winger Stan Browne charging on to a Rod Reddy pass for a smart try in the corner before centre Trevor Cogger gave Wests a glimmer of hope six minutes from full-time. Illawarra held on in the final moments. However, ending Wests’ chances of snatching a draw, which probably would have been the fairest result. Wests, the heartbreak side of ’84, scored three good tries and were in the hunt for most of the game, losing the points through inexperience and lack of size. Their rugged second-rower Freeman was the best player on the field, setting up two tries with deft passes and producing some fine hits in defence. The Steelers, who set a club record with their ninth win of the season, looked good in patches but ‘went to sleep’ for long periods of the match. Their best were five-eighth Kevin Kelly, lock Geoff Selby, hooker Michael Bolt and eager winger Jason Moon. **(Daily Mirror 16th July 1984)**

Notes: Played on a very heavy ground Ian Freeman, in his comeback game, was very dynamic and was easily the best player on the field. Alan Fallah also impressed on debut. Wests were attacking very strongly on the bell and most pundits agreed a draw would have been a fair result. To rub salt in the wound ex-Wests players figured heavily in the point scoring list – Ron Giteau (125 pts), Tony Armstrong (124 pts), Terry Lamb (92 pts), Ross Conlon (72 pts) while the best for Wests was John McArthur on 41 points.