



# 1985 Round 5 Sunday 14th April Kogarah Oval



## St George 18

def.

## Western Suburbs 6

Glenn BURGESS  
 Steve MORRIS  
 Michael BEATTIE  
 Michael O'CONNOR  
 Brian JOHNSTON  
 Paul MORRIS  
 Steve LINNANE  
 Graeme O'GRADY  
 Graeme WYNN  
 Chris WALSH  
 Jim WALSH  
 Phil RITCHIE  
 Robert STONE (c)  
 Richard CLARKE  
 Billy NOKE

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

Leo EPIFANIA  
 Steve EWER  
 Trevor COGGER  
 Wayne WIGHAM  
 Greg DUVAL  
 Gary WARNECKE  
 Michael NEIL  
 Allen GEELAN  
 Craig CLARKE  
 Garry WEBSTER  
 Terry LEABEATER (c)  
 Alan FALLAH  
 Bruce CLARK  
 Ian SCHUBERT  
 Steve MULLEN



### Tries

Steve LINNANE  
 Brian JOHNSTON  
 Michael BEATTIE

Wayne WIGHAM

### Goals

Michael O'CONNOR (3)

Leo EPIFANIA (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: L Epifania; three-quarters: S Ewer, T Cogger, W Wigham, G Duval; five-eighth: G Warnecke; half: M Neil; forwards: A Geelan, G Webster, C Clarke, T Leabeater (c), A Fallah, B Clark

**St George:** Full-back: G Burgess; three-quarters: B Johnston, M O'Connor, M Beattie, S Morris; five-eighth: P Morris; half: S Linnane; forwards: G O'Grady, G Wynn, C Walsh, J Walsh, P Ritchie, R Stone (c) **Referee: B Barnes (The Daily Mirror 15th April 1985)**

St George yesterday hinted that second-rowers Graeme Wynn and Chris Walsh's first grade spots are insecure for next weekend's big clash with Canterbury. Coach Roy Masters replaced both of them in the second half of a drab game in which Saints fumbled their way to win 18-6 against Wests at Kogarah Oval. With captain Craig Young and Pat Jarvis to come back into Saints' pack after being rested with injuries, Masters and his co-selectors have to decide whether to retain Robert Stone and Jim Walsh, who performed better than Wynn and Chris Walsh in yesterday's match. Saints' fifth straight win took them to outright leadership in the premiership but there was no jubilation about it in the dressing room – just disappointment about their third lethargic game in a row. Young, after watching Saints come from behind 6-0 in the first half, admitted they will need to improve 100 per cent to beat Canterbury. "There was no continuity in our play – far too many handling mistakes," he said. Masters was so disgusted with his team's showing he was reluctant to talk about it. "I don't want to say much, other than it was a poor game," he said. "I'm not going to make excuses or accusations. I blamed the heat last week. I'll blame nothing this week.: Masters asked how Saints' performance compared with their previous game against Cronulla, replied: "I'd say the same – nothing has changed." Stone, Saints' stand-in captain, said: "I'd have to say it was complete complacency – good sides can play bad and still win. With two front-rowers out, it didn't help – we were a bit disjointed. Roy (Masters) didn't rant and rave that much at half-time – he gave us a pattern of play and told us to stick to it." Saints' poor handling started from the kick-off, with full-back Glen Burgess knocking on, and they rarely retained possession for more than two and three tackles. Wests' coach Ken Gentle said extra work on a defensive pattern at training contributed to his team's improved display. "I was very pleased with the effort – I think we've turned the corner," Gentle said. **(Daily Mirror 15th April 1985)**

... Wests won the scrums 10-7 and the penalties 12-10 and should have made hay in the first half with a glut of possession. Although the Magpies lost form in the second half, half-back Michael Neil was always dangerous around the rucks and newcomer Steve Ewer looked good on the wing. For St George, Linnane stood out in the absence of Craig Young and hard-working prop Pat Jarvis..... **(Sydney Morning Herald 15th April 1985)**

**Notes:** Wests put in a much-improved defensive effort but were let down again in the second half with poor handling. Michael Neil was best for Wests with Steve Ewer, on debut, having a very strong game.