1995 Round 11 Saturday 27th May Sydney Football Stadium

Western Suburbs 34 def. South Sydney 20

Andrew LEEDS	***Fullback***	Jamie CORCORAN
Paul SMITH	***Wing***	Andrew WILLETT
Ken McGUINNESS	***Centre***	Tyran SMITH
Paul BELL	***Centre***	David PENNA
Darren WILLIS	***Wing***	Jason RYAN
Andrew WILLIS	***Five-eighth***	Will ROBINSON
Steve GEORGALLIS	***Half***	Craig FIELD (c)
Paul LANGMACK (c)	***Lock***	Matthew NABLE
Mark HORO	***Second Row***	Paul QUINN
Bill DUNN	***Second Row***	Michael FRANCIS
Brent STUART	***Front Row***	Denis BEECRAFT
Ciriaco MESCIA	***Hooker***	Lee JACKSON
Glenn GRIEF	***Front Row***	Paul SHAHIN
Kevin MCGUINNESS	***Replacement***	Darrell TRINDALL
Justin DOOLEY	***Replacement***	Jason TASSELL
Kyle WHITE	***Replacement***	Peter DRISCOLL

Tries	Andrew LEEDS (2)	Jason RYAN
	Glen GRIEF	Paul QUINN
	Ken McGUINNESS	Jamie CORCORAN
	Mark HORO	
	Darren WILLIS	
Go*als*	Andrew LEEDS (5)	Andrew WILLETT (4)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back: J Corcoran; three-quarters: A Willett, T Smith, D Penna, J Ryan; five-eighth: W Robinson; half: C Field (c); forwards: M Nable, P Quinn, M Francis, D Beecraft, L Jackson, P Shahin

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, P Bell, K McGuinness, D Willis; five-eighth: A Willis; half: S Georgallis; forwards: P Langmack (c), M Horo, B Dunn, B Stuart, C Mescia, G Grief **Referee: M Lewis (Big League 27th May 1995)**

For all but twelve minutes, South Sydney were in the match. As for those 12 minutes, the best you could say was that Wests scored 24 points. From the minute before half time through the 11 minutes afterwards, Wests took the score from 14-6 behind to 30-14 in front, dominating Souths in possession and capitalising on some ho-hum defence. Souths were sticking their arms out so often you could have pinned washing on them. Finally, it ended at West 34, Souths 20. “In that 10 or 12 minutes they killed us,” Souths’ coach Ken Shine said afterwards. “There was a lot of spirit and we had them for 70 minutes but we can’t afford to do things like that.” Shine wasn’t overly disappointed with the Rabbitohs’ effort which, except for the lapse after half time, was encouraging as any Rabbitohs fan has seen for weeks. The inclusion of Great Britain hooker Lee Jackson was a tremendous bonus and one the Souths’ camp expects to continue to benefit the club. The Rabbitohs would be helped by the inclusion of a player of the calibre of Paul Langmack, if only they could find one. Langmack is enjoying something of a rebirth out West, throwing the final pass on five of the Magpies’ six tries. During Wests’ sharp spurt after half time, Langmack put Glenn Grief and Darren Willis over for tries. He was also responsible for two Andrew Leeds tries and played a leading hand in the first try by Ken McGuinness. Souths’ cause was not helped when replacement Peter Driscoll was sent off in the 50th minute for a dangerous tackle, but to be fair the Magpies had made their blitz by then. Driscoll was involved in the tackle with five-eighth Will Robinson, who some believe will also come under serious scrutiny, when the video is studied. At this stage of the match Craig Field was keeping the Rabbitohs’ pulse alive. Field embodies the fabled South Sydney spirit that shines whether the Rabbitohs are in front, behind, running late or on time. Apart from throwing a pass to Paul Quinn - which missed two inside players and sent the second-rower through a gaping hole - the little half was also responsible for Souths’ second try. A neat two-step got him around his opposite, Steve Georgallis, and from there Field set off on a diagonal run to the try line. With the cover defence closing, Field fired the ball out to fullback Jamie Corcoran, who dummied past the defence to score under the posts. **(The Sun-Herald 28th May 1995)**

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Notes: *The match was turned on its head when Wests scored 24 points in the 12 minutes before and after half-time. Paul Langmack was majestic, giving the final pass in five of the six tries. He still was cautious about Wests’ chances of making the semis, however. Cherry Mescia showed why his signature was being chased for next year’s contract. The good news came through that Brent Stuart had been selected in the NZ team.*

You can view a replay of the match here: Souths vs Wests Rd 11 1995