



BEARS SHOW COURAGE IN DEFEAT

8 August 2010

Wentworthville, in the west of Sydney put on a beautiful Sunday afternoon as a big crowd witnessed a sensational match of league between the Magpies and the Bears in the NSW Cup.

Climaxing at the 45th minute mark with a 20-20 score line, the possession favoured the Magpies for the most part, however the Bears did more with their opportunities in a rough and tumble match. Wenty's sizable pack was hard work for a North Sydney side minus their South Sydney players, but the Bears forwards worked double time and kept their team in the game until the Magpies ran away with a win in the last 15 minutes.

A high scoring first half saw Wentworthville first to score after only 5 minutes but Norths hit back after 10 with a Brock Molan special and the score was 6-4 in favour of Wenty.

Wenty scored 2 consecutive tries in 10 minutes. The first from a scrum win and the other after a sustained period of attack against the Bears, giving the Magpies a lead of 14-4.

Then Norths forward Marty Field did well to dive and stretch to place the ball on the try line next to the posts after great ball movement from the Bears. Norths Eddie Paea converted for a 10-14 score.

Wentworthville scored next before Norths winger Curtis Johnston scored the first of a hat trick of tries as they hit the sheds with Wenty in the lead 20-14.

The Bears began the half in spectacular fashion with Curtis Johnston showing great skill and judgment to grab and score in one motion off the a high ball and with Eddie Paea's conversion leveled the scores at 20-20.

But the Magpies then scored 5 successive tries exploiting a Bears weakness on the left and surged in front 46-20.

Curtis Johnston's third try was actually his fourth attempt having been disallow one earlier in the half. He grabbed the 4 points after rushing into position to take advantage of good ball movement and score in the left corner.

Wenty's final try came in the 75th minute. The final score 50-24 belied a courageous performance from the Bears.

WENTWORTHVILLE 50 (10 tries, 5 goals) defeated NORTH SYDNEY 24 (Brock Molan, Martin Field, Curtis Johnston 3, Eddie Paea tries, Eddie Paea 2 goals)
Halftime 20-14 Wentworthville.

With a number of injuries coming out of the match the Bears will regroup to head northwest this Saturday to play Windsor at the Windsor Sporting Complex on 14 August at 6:00 p.m.

PICTURED: Bears Forward Marty Field scores early in the match. PHOTO: Steve Little.

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