



1954 Round 12 Saturday 26th June Brookvale Oval



Manly-Warringah 24

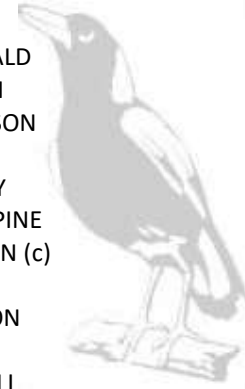
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Western Suburbs 5

Alan BATTY
John HOBBS
Gordon WILLOUGHBY
John CHAPPLE
Ron ROWLES
Rees DUNCAN
Kevin DIETT
George HUNTER
Jack HUBBARD
Reuben HUDSON
Bernard SEYMOUR
Kevin SCHUBERT (c)
Kevin FLEMING

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

George BAIN
Barry OWEN
Jack FITZGERALD
Ernie CHURCH
John THOMPSON
Don GRAHAM
Max GODFREY
Charlie McALPINE
Nev CHARLTON (c)
Bill OWENS
John HARRISON
Hec FARRELL
Max CALDWELL



Tries
Kevin DIETT
Jack HUBBARD
George HUNTER
Gordon WILLOUGHBY

John THOMPSON

Goals
Ron ROWLES (6)

Don GRAHAM (1)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: A Batty; three-quarters: J Hobbs, G Willoughby, J Chapple, R Rowles; five-eighth: R Duncan; half: K Diett; forwards: G Hunter, J Hubbard, R Hudson, B Seymour, K Schubert, K Fleming

Western Suburbs: Full-back: G Bain; three-quarters: B Owen, J Fitzgerald, E Church, J Thompson; five-eighth: D Graham; half: M Godfrey; forwards: C McAlpine, N Charlton, W Owens, J Harrison, H Farrell, M Caldwell **Referee: C Brown (The Daily Mirror 26th June 1954)**

Manly was untroubled to defeat Western Suburbs 24-5 at Brookvale Oval after leading 5-2 at half-time. Marred by loose play and bad handling, the game never reached a high standard. J. Hobbs went to centre in place of Gordon Willoughby for Manly in the second half, Willoughby transferring to the wing. This move sharpened the attack. Hobbs penetrated well and nicely straightened the three-quarter line. K. Diett, playing his initial first grade match, gave an outstanding performance for Manly as half, varying his play well. He combined nicely with five-eighth Duncan late in the game to score a try from just inside Wests half. **(The Sun-Herald 27th June 1954)**

Manly were never troubled to beat Wests 24 points to 5 in an uninspiring League struggle at Brookvale yesterday. Manly's play, however, lacked cohesion, and faults, especially in handling, were glaring. K. Diett (half), who was a last-minute selection, played as though inspired and always had his backs running goal-wards. R. Duncan (five-eighth) was never impressive. J. Hobbs played as a winger early, but when moved to his real position in the centre in the second half was impressive and thrustful. A. Batty (custodian) was always a great trier but a little more of the boot would have saved him a lot of trouble. G. Willoughby and R. Rowles played carefree football. Rowles landed six goals from all angles and distances. J. Chappie was conspicuous in a number of moves. Wests failed to function as a team. They came on the field displaying wrong numbers and should be severely reprimanded. Their general play at times was far below standard. The best were J. Thompson and B. Owens (wingers), D Graham (five-eighth), H. Farrell (hooker) and W Owens and N. Charlton (second rowers) **(Truth 27th June 1954)**

Reserve-grader Keven Diett yesterday starred in Manly-Warringah's 24-5 win over Western Suburbs at Brookvale. Diett replaced regular half-back Reg Curran, who had a bruised left arm and withdrew from the team. He scored a brilliant try after a 40-yard solo run from the scrum-base midway through the second half. Diett, who yesterday celebrated his 21st birthday, seemed nervous early. Manly-Warringah led 5-2, at half-time. After half-time Diett continually broke through the weak Western Suburbs defence. He paved the way for tries by Jack Hubbard and Gordon Willoughby. Manly-Warringah's goal-kicker, Ron Rowles, had another field day, landing six goals and bringing his season's point-score to 139. Western Suburbs badly missed Keith Holman, who was in Queensland with the New South Wales team. Thompson scored Western Suburbs' only try, late in the match. **(The Daily Telegraph 27th June 1954)**

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Notes: Keith Holman was a significant omission for Wests. He was playing for NSW against Queensland and he was sorely missed. Max Godfrey came up from Reserves and played reasonably. Overall, however, this was a very sub-standard performance and Wests were always in trouble. Both wingers played quite well and John Thompson scored Wests' only try late in the match.