



1958 Round 6 Sunday 18th May Brookvale Oval



Manly-Warringah 21

def.

Western Suburbs 20

Ron WILLEY (c)
 Ray RITCHIE
 Bill LLOYD
 Ray QUINNELL
 George HUGO
 Kevin DIETT
 Peter BURKE
 Jim PEBBLES
 Rex MOSSOP
 Peter DIVERSI
 Denis MEANEY
 George LENON
 Roy BULL

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

Darcy RUSSELL
 Peter DIMOND
 Don MALONE
 Harry WELLS (c)
 Barry OWEN
 Rees DUNCAN
 Keith HOLMAN
 Doug JONES
 Jack BOWMAN
 Kel O'SHEA
 Mark PATCH
 Bede GOFF
 Nev CHARLTON



Tries Bill LLOYD

Barry OWEN (2)
Don MALONE
Peter DIMOND

Goals Ron WILLEY (9)

Darcy RUSSELL (4)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Willey (c); three-quarters: R Ritchie, R Quinnell, W Lloyd, G Hugo; five-eighth: K Diett; half: P Burke; forwards: J Peebles, R Mossop, P Diversi, D Meaney, G Lenon, R Bull

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: B Owen, D Malone, R Duncan, P Dimond; five-eighth: D Henry; half: K Holman; forwards: D Jones, K O'Shea, J Bowman, N Charlton, B Goff, M Patch **Referee: D Lawler (as per program Rugby League News + changes from newspaper reports)**

A superb display of goal-kicking from full-back Ron Willey yesterday gave Manly-Warringah Rugby League team a thrilling win over Western Suburbs. Manly won 21-20 at Brookvale Oval after Willey kicked nine goals from nine attempts. It was a magnificent match played with a fierceness which had spectators yelling themselves hoarse. Wests scored four tries to one, but lost because of Willey's goal-kicking when its forwards gave away penalties. The 10,908 spectators – a record attendance for this ground – sat on the sidelines noisily cheering Willey's kicks. Willey landed a great goal from 50 yards out, five minutes from time, to clinch Manly's win. Willey gave his best-ever goal-kicking effort although he played with a torn thigh muscle. Wests lost Kel O'Shea two minutes from the end with a badly gashed eye-brow, but Wests' chances had gone by then. Manly's superb pack was on top in a tense, bruising forward tussle. The lead changed four times in each half. Wests' backs had Manly struggling desperately to prevent tries whenever they unwound a movement. Yet Manly was able to sustain pressure on Wests' line because Meaney, Mossop, Diversi and Peebles continually gained ground with bullocking runs. Wests' winger Peter Dimond turned in another classy display. Dimond's first half try, when he skirted the sideline and bumped off two tacklers, was a gem of speed and power. This gave Wests the lead for the first time, but within minutes Billy Lloyd went over for a try to regain the advantage for Manly. B Owens scored after a fine run from Holman, and Russell converted this try from the side-line. Four goals from Willey brought Manly to within a point of West 11-12 at half-time. **Daily Telegraph 19th May 1958)**

... Wests could regard itself as an unlucky loser. It scored four tries to one by Manly. But frequent breaches by Wests' forwards in their own territory proved costly. During the match the Wests' forwards were penalised eight times within kicking distance, and on each occasion Willey brought a delighted roar from the Manly supporters when he kicked the goals. The match was a gripping affair, with the lead changing seven times during the 80 minutes of play. ... The constant change in the lead had the record Brookvale crowd of 10,908, which paid a record admission of £1,464, roaring with excitement. Western Suburbs. second-row forward, Kel O'Shea, gashed his left eye a few minutes before the end of play. O'Shea received the injury when he and Wests' winger Peter Dimond simultaneously tackled Willey. Five stitches were put in the wound, but he is certain to be available for next Saturday's match against Queensland at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Apart from Willey's great goal-kicking, a lot of credit for Manly's win must go to its forwards. In the backs, Wests' line was always the more dangerous. **(Sydney Morning Herald 19th May 1958)**

Notes: This was a vicious match which Wests were unlucky to lose. Ron Willey's nine goals was the deciding factor because Wests scored four tries to one. Peter Dimond played another great game, running and tackling hard throughout. He even took out Kel O'Shea when he was tackling Ron Willey, giving O'Shea a big gash over his left eye.