



1975 Round 1 Sunday 23rd March Brookvale Oval



Manly-Warringah 19

def.

Western Suburbs 17

Graham EADIE
 Tom MOONEY
 Terry HILL
 Bob FULTON (c)
 Max BROWN
 Alan THOMPSON
 Kevin JUNEE
 Mal REILLY
 Phil LOWE
 Laurie FREIER
 John BARBER
 Max KRILICH
 Terry RANDALL

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

John DORAHY
 Robbie PARKER
 Stephen KNIGHT
 Tim MURPHY
 Russell MULLINS
 John HEYWARD
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Chris WELLMAN
 Mick LIUBINSKAS
 John DONNELLY
 Jim MURPHY
 Shane DAY
 Pat HUNDY



Tries

Bob FULTON (2)
 Kevin JUNEE

Chris WELLMAN
 Robbie PARKER
 Stephen KNIGHT

Goals

Graham EADIE (5)

John DORAHY (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: R Parker, S Knight, T Murphy, R Mullins; five-eighth: J Heyward; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: C Wellman, M Liubinskas, J Donnelly, P Hundy, S Day, J Murphy

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: G Eadie; three-quarters: T Mooney, T Hill, R Fulton (c), M Brown; five-eighth: A Thompson; half: K Junee; forwards: M Reilly, P Lowe, L Freier, T Randall, M Krilich, J Barber **Referee: D Braybrook (Rugby League Week 29th March 1975)**

Manly's Bob Fulton and Malcolm Reilly yesterday produced flashes of football magic to get the Seas Eagles home 19-17 over Western Suburbs in a thriller at Brookvale. Manly turned the table on Wests – their conquerors in last year's semi-finals – in a tense and exciting battle. Centre Fulton arrived out of the blue to score two of Manly's three tries. Lock Reilly created two of the three with his uncanny high kicks near the line. The match will live long in the memory of Wests' young full-back John Dorahy. Twice Dorahy spilled Reilly's high kicks under the posts – and saw the Sea Eagles score. Ten points was the cost. After the second try, which Fulton scored at a critical point in the second half, Dorahy hung his head in despair. Each kick was placed with pinpoint accuracy by Reilly, scheduled to arrive a fraction ahead of a rush of players. When he put up kicks like he did yesterday Reilly is a full-back's nightmare. Played in sweltering conditions, yesterday's match was a splendid tussle between two teams who obviously will take a strong hand in this year's premiership. In the first half, Manly played as well as they have for a long time. It was tight, disciplined football and a credit to new coach Frank Stanton. Wests started slowly and for the first 30 minutes Manly ran them off their legs. Five minutes from half-time Manly led 12-2 after a slick try by Fulton, one by Kevin Junee and three Graham Eadie goals. But Wests finally got rolling five minutes from half-time and from then on it was a real match. Stephen Knight scored a tearaway try just before half-time and lock Chris Wellman beat Eadie to score another soon after. From 12-2 suddenly the score was 12-all. Manly got away again at the 10-minute mark when Fulton scored his second try. Then Wests came back at them with a Robbie Parker try after 22 minutes. In the final count the goal-kicking of Graham Eadie, five out of six, provided Manly's winning margin. Sterling performances by Reilly, Phil Lowe, Junee, Chris Wellman and John Donnelly highlighted the match. Manly's men-under-the-microscope, hooker Max Krilich and new prop Terry Randall, both did well. **(Daily Telegraph 24th March 1975)**

A crash course in prop play from former great Roy Bull and a huge gamble by coach Frank Stanton meant a \$400 windfall for Manly forward Terry Randall yesterday. Randall collected a \$200 award on top of his winning payment for his great front-row debut in Manly's 19-17 win over Wests at Brookvale. Randall got through a tremendous work rate. Stanton gambled heavily by making Randall the open, or ball side, prop. Manly got the two competition points via their match-winners Bob Fulton and Mal Reilly. Fulton scored two opportunist tries while Reilly's tactical kicking was directly responsible for two tries. **(The Sun 24th March 1975)**

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Notes: In a very tense, exciting game Manly just held out a rampaging second-half Wests, after a disappointing first half. Chris Wellman (from Cronulla), on debut, was outstanding while John "Dallas" Donnelly made his much-awaited debut. Tim Murphy was also back from Balmain, while John Heyward and Jim Murphy were finally injury-free. Stephen Knight scored a great runaway try in a game that was played in sweltering conditions, where all players were visibly tiring near the end.