



1982 Round 1 Sunday 28th February Lidcombe Oval



Manly-Warringah 33

def.

Western Suburbs 12

Graham EADIE	Fullback
John RIBOT	Wing
Simon BOOTH	Centre
Chris CLOSE	Centre
Stuart DAVIS	Wing
Alan THOMPSON	Five-eighth
Rick CHISHOLM	Half
Bruce WALKER	Lock
Les BOYD	Second Row
Paul McCABE	Second Row
Mark BROADHURST	Front Row
Max KRILICH (c)	Hooker
Geoff GERARD	Front Row
Paul VAUTIN	Replacement

Greg COX
Steve BROUGHTON
Wayne SMITH
Ross CONLON
Warren BOLAND (c)
Terry LAMB
Alan NEIL
Jim LEIS
George MOROKO
Paul MERLO
Tom ARBER
Arthur MOUNTIER
John DONNELLY
Bob COOPER



Tries

Chris CLOSE (2)
Mark BROADHURST (2)
Paul VAUTIN
Alan THOMPSON
John RIBOT

Steve BROUGHTON
Warren BOLAND

Goals

Graham EADIE (6)

Ross CONLON (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: G Cox; three-quarters: S Broughton, W Smith, R Conlon, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: A Neil; forwards: J Leis, G Moroko, P Merlo, J Donnelly, A Mountier, T Arber

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: G Eadie; three-quarters: J Ribot, S Booth, C Close, S Davis; five-eighth: A Thompson; half: R Chisholm; forwards: B Walker, L Boyd, P McCabe, M Broadhurst, M Krilich (c), G Gerard

Referee: K Roberts (The Sun 1st March 1982)

The war is over. The white flag went up for good at Lidcombe Oval yesterday as Manly and Wests laid down their arms after four bloody years of bitter fighting. The fireworks that many had expected fizzled in the face of a seven-try Manly onslaught. The 33-12 score-line underlined just how much Manly enjoyed the freedom of a Wests' side that not only kept their hands down but wilted under the heat and humidity. Since the gala match in Melbourne early in 1978, Manly and Wests have spilt blood over Lidcombe. Yesterday, all they spilt were buckets of sweat. "We knew they wouldn't belt us," said Manly skipper Max Krilich. "That's not Terry Fearnley's go." Fearnley took over Wests this year, explaining that he was taking them away from "fibro houses" and putting them into "brick." The new image failed first-up, but Wests' refusal to turn Lidcombe into another battleground was not the reason for their defeat. "Tiredness, I think, was the reason," claimed Fearnley. "I thought we were ready, but obviously we need a lot more work. I wanted a first-up win, but there is a long way to go." Krilich labelled the Manly side as potentially the best in his time. "It could be as good as the 1976 side, but remember we had Bobby Fulton then. Any side with him in it has got to be great," said Krilich. Ex-Queensland centre Chris Close scored two tries in his first premierships match for Manly and claimed, "It is the best side I've played with." Close started the scoring for Manly in the 20th minute after he burst onto a Booth pass and ran 30 metres for a smart try. It had come at a time when Wests were in command and unlucky not to have posted two tries. The trend of the game changed with Close's try and another, to Alan Thompson four minutes later, put Manly in front 10-2. Although Wests got back to 10-9 just after the half-time break, a dropped ball from a difficult pass by Warren Boland gave Manly the ball ... and a try to John Ribot, his first and only try of the day against his old team-mates. One of the highlights of the match was the star-studded performance of Kiwi Test prop Mark Broadhurst who picked up two tries in the second half. **(The Sun 1st March 1982)**

Biff and spite are generally expected when the Western Suburbs and Manly-Warringah Rugby League teams lock horns. But at Lidcombe yesterday both teams decided to focus their attention on playing football. Many did the better job and emerged with a 33-12 win. **(Sydney Morning Herald 1st March 1982)**

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Notes: Although Wests were able to rattle Manly early on and fought back to be 9-10 down just after half-time, the match lacked the usual fireworks and the forwards, obviously lacking fitness, wilted badly in the last 30 minutes. Chris Close tore Wests apart in his Sydney debut, while Neil, Boland and Cox were best for Wests. Arthur Mountier (ex-Souths) did enough to suggest that he would be a good substitute for the missing Jack Jeffries and Alan Latham.