



# 1975 Round 13 Sunday 15th June Lidcombe Oval



## Western Suburbs 18

def.

## Manly-Warringah 0

John DORAHY  
Trevor SCARR  
Robbie PARKER  
John HEYWARD  
Russell MULLINS  
Tim MURPHY  
Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
Chris WELLMAN  
Jim MURPHY  
Geoff FOSTER  
Pat HUNDY  
Shane DAY  
John DONNELLY

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

Graham EADIE  
Tom MOONEY  
Ray BRANIGHAN  
Terry HILL  
Michael WALLER  
Alan THOMPSON  
Kevin JUNEJEE  
Malcolm REILLY (c)  
Phil LOWE  
Laurie FREIER  
John BARBER  
Fred JONES  
Mark WILLOUGHBY  
Trevor WOODS



**Tries** Russell MULLINS  
Geoff FOSTER  
John DORAHY  
John DONNELLY

**Goals** John DORAHY (3)

### Match Description

**Manly-Warringah:** Full-back: G Eadie; three-quarters: T Mooney, R Branighan, M Waller, T Hill; five-eighth: A Thompson ; half: K Junej; forwards: M Reilly (c), P Lowe, L Freier, M Willoughby, F Jones, J Barber

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: T Scarr, J Heyward, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: C Wellman, J Murphy, G Foster, J Donnelly, S Day, P Hundy **Referee: D Braybrook (Rugby League Week 21st June 1975)**

A thirteen-week struggle to regain last year's form may have ended and Manly's problems may just be starting. That was the aftermath of Wests 18-0 shut-out of Manly in Round 13 at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Those who saw the match left the ground convinced Wests were back in the premiership race, something that never really looked possible. From the first minute, when full-back John Dorahy took the game into his own hands, setting up John Donnelly's try, Wests were never in danger. Dorahy was again the outstanding player in the match. Manly's classy full-back Graham Eadie didn't have the same luck. He finished in hospital with torn ligaments and may be out for a month. He injured his left knee eight minutes after half-time and when he went off, so did Manly's greatest source of attack. They were co-competition leaders with Easts until yesterday, but there is certain to be a shake-up after the lethargic effort. Although they played without Bob Fulton and Terry Randall, they still had enough class players to test Wests. Yet it was rare the times they were able to breach Wests' defence. In the last four seasons Manly have failed to score three times – yesterday, against Parramatta (10-0) in 1973 and against St George at Kogarah (18-0) in 1972. All matches were played on a wet or heavy ground. And Manly's play fell away yesterday as the rain became heavier. All Wests' forwards played well. Pat Hundy has improved tremendously in the past month and Jim Murphy and Geoff Foster had fine games in the second-row. But it's no coincidence that captain Tommy Raudonikis had a good game. When he is going well, Wests go well. Wests scored their tries in the 2nd (Donnelly), 52nd (Dorahy), 57th (Foster) and 63rd (Mullins) minutes. For coach Don Parish, the win was like the start of a "new era." "We've been trying to do that for some time. I think we can make the finals now," he said. ... **(The Sun 16th June 1975)**

On current form John Dorahy is the best full-back in the world. Western Suburbs capitalised on his efforts yesterday to topple Manly-Warringah from the lead of the Rugby league premiership ladder. Dorahy stamped his brand on the Lidcombe Oval match from the opening kick and Wests never saw danger in their 18-nil win. ... Manly coach Frank Stanton said later he conceded to the better side, but he now faces the prospect of playing a substitute back-line for at least the next two weeks..... Wests' forwards gave Dorahy all the support in the world yesterday and they sapped Manly's will to win with relentless tackling. Dorahy took play from the kick-off to half-way and after handling in two ensuing moves, drew Eadie and gave to John Heyward who put John Donnelly over in the corner. **(Sydney Morning Herald 16th June 1975)**

**Notes:** Tom Raudonikis again demonstrated his class in this game. He backed up from the Australia/Wales Test the day before (Fulton didn't) and produced his best game of the year. Played in heavy rain, Wests were never in doubt after John Donnelly scored a try after one minute, following a brilliant Dorahy break. The Dorahy/Eadie matchup was a fizzer as Dorahy scored a try and kicked three goals to increase his lead to 13 in the point-scoring contest. He made many incisive breaks into the backline and was greatly helped by Donnelly's forward dominance and Raudonikis' control around the scrum base.