



1983 Round 13 Sunday 17th July Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 22

def.

Manly-Warringah 18

Warren BOLAND (c)
 Steve BROUGHTON
 Wayne SMITH
 David HARRIS
 David GREENE
 Terry LAMB
 Scott GALE
 Mark BEAVEN
 Brett GALE
 Michael DUKE
 Ian FREEMAN
 Arthur MOUNTIER
 Bruce CLARK

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

Graham EADIE
 John RIBOT
 Chris CLOSE
 Phil SIGSWORTH
 Kerry BOUSTEAD
 Phil BLAKE
 Alan THOMPSON (c)
 Ian SCHUBERT
 Noel CLEAL
 Paul VAUTIN
 Dave BROWN
 Max KRILICH
 Warren JOWETT
 Ross WINDSHUTTLE
 Glenn RYAN
 Mal COCHRANE
 Bruce WALKER

Tries

Wayne SMITH
 Arthur MOUNTIER
 Terry LAMB

Ross WINDSHUTTLE
 Glenn RYAN
 Graham EADIE
 Chris CLOSE

Goals

David GREENE (5)

Graham EADIE (1)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: G Eadie; three-quarters: J Ribot, C Close, P Sigsworth, K Boustead; five-eighth: P Blake; half: A Thompson (c); forwards: I Schubert, N Cleal, P Vautin, D Brown, M Krilich, W Jowett

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Boland (c); three-quarters: S Broughton, W Smith, D Harris, D Greene; five-eighth: T Lamb; half: S Gale; forwards: M Beaven, B Gale, M Duke, I Freeman, A Mountier, B Clark

Referee: K Roberts (The Sun 18th July 1983)

Western Suburbs' half-pay Magpies are still headed for premiership extinction, despite their amazing upset win against Manly yesterday. Only a week after losing 0-39 to Parramatta, and five days after a 50 per cent pay-cut, the Magpies halted Manly's minor premiership charge with a determined 22-18 win at Lidcombe Oval, after leading 20-6 early in the second half. Although Sea Eagles coach Bob Fulton said his team had been given a raw deal by referee Kevin Roberts, Wests thoroughly deserved to beat the tearaway competition leader. The Magpies, who are already on the league's "chopping block" for 1984, says club president John Brooks, hit hard at the heart of Manly's strength, the club's big men, Dave Brown, Chris Close and Noel Cleal. With prop Ian Freeman, half Terry Lamb, spindly centre David Harris and hooker Arthur Mountier showing the way, Wests tackled powerfully to nullify Manly, a feat rarely achieved in the 19 earlier rounds. Although defence was the cornerstone of Wests' win, it was not the only ingredient of their startling reversal, said Freeman's front-row partner, Bruce "Bruiser" Clark. "We talked them out of it," said the hefty prop, who certainly lived up to his nickname at Lidcombe. "At times we had them running scared with what we were saying. Talk, talk, talk – that's all we did, and some of them just couldn't handle it. In the end they were telling us to shut up." Wests' delight at humbling Manly for only the third time this season was tempered by the news that the club faces the prospect of almost certainly folding at the end of the year. "When I spoke with the league a fortnight ago, they said we were gone," said club president Mr Brooks. "I don't think it would make any difference if the players said they would play for nothing." The announcement of the pay-cut at training on Tuesday night had been endorsed by the players. "Everyone accepted it very well, even though it will mean financial hardship for some of the guys," said Clark, who typifies the tremendous fighting spirit still at Wests. "The way it's worked out, we'd probably be at the top now if we'd started the year on half-pay." ... Eadie became the league's highest ever first grade point-scorer – eclipsing Eric Simms' record of 1843 – and also edged past the 2000 points mark in all grades (2004). Eadie's record-breaking performances came ironically on a day when he was off-line with seven straight goal shots. **(Daily Telegraph 18th July 1983)**

Notes: *Playing a postponed match from Round 13, this was considered one of the biggest upsets for many seasons. Having to take a 50% pay cut after Thursday night training, the team spirit showed through with a sterling tackling effort. Arthur Mountier tackled himself to a standstill in one of the best games of his career but the whole pack was outstanding. Terry Lamb also guided the team around the paddock brilliantly. Bruce Clark led the sledging that got under the Manly players' skins. They simply tackled and talked them out of the game.*