



1992 Round 14 Saturday 4th July Brookvale Oval



Western Suburbs 6

drew with

Manly-Warringah 6



Shaun DEVINE
 David ANDERSON
 Jason LIDDEN
 Darren WILLIS
 Mark BELL
 Andrew FARRAR
 Jason TAYLOR
 Jim DYMCK
 Paul LANGMACK
 Graeme WYNN
 Kyle WHITE
 Joe THOMAS (c)
 Darren BRITT
 Bob LINDNER
 David GILLESPIE
 Damien McGARRY
 Doug RAWLINGS

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

Ivan CLEARY
 Craig HANCOCK
 Michael O'CONNOR
 Darrell WILLIAMS
 Anthony ROGERS
 Cliff LYONS
 Geoff TOOVEY
 Des HASLER
 John JONES
 Ian ROBERTS
 Martin BELLA
 David O'DONNELL
 Tony MESTROV
 Owen CUNNINGHAM
 Jon GRIEVE

Tries Mark BELL

Craig HANCOCK

Goals Jason TAYLOR (1)

Ivan CLEARY (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: S Devine; three-quarters: M Bell, J Lidden, D Willis, D Anderson; five-eighth: A Farrar; half: J Taylor; forwards: J Dymock, P Langmack, G Wynn, K White

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: I Cleary; three-quarters: C Hancock, M O'Connor, D Williams, A Rogers; five-eighth: C Lyons; half: G Toovey; forwards: D Hasler, J Jones, I Roberts, M Bella, D O'Donnell, T Mestrov **Referee: D Manson (Big League 8th July 1992)**

Western Suburbs and Australian forward David Gillespie may face the NSWRL judiciary for a dangerous tackle during yesterday's dour six-all draw with Manly at Brookvale Oval. ...The possible citing of Gillespie disappointed the Wests camp more than the fact that the Magpies had a match-winning field goal attempt hit the upright right on full-time. With the scores locked, Wests' half-back Jason Taylor launched a 35m field goal attempt as the siren was sounding. Sadly, for Wests, the ball ricocheted off the posts, denying the visitors a dramatic victory. The draw could work for or against both clubs as each battle hard for a semi-final position. Both coaches after the match claimed their side deserved victory. However, a draw did seem a fitting result. "I thought we should have won," said Graham Lowe, the disappointed Sea Eagles coach. "We bombed at least one certain try in the first half. It is disappointing not to have the two competition points, but we are still in there fighting. I thought we countered Wests' set-plays pretty well. Perhaps we rushed things a little too much in the second half, whereas they were a little more composed." Lowe's comments were echoed across the corridor in the Western Suburbs' dressing room. "I thought our second half was good," said Magpies' coach Warren Ryan. "We made plenty of breaks. It's disappointing not to come up with a win. I suppose one point is better than none. It keeps us ahead of Manly." The match was a tight struggle from the outset. The only interest created came late in the match when both sides desperately tried to land the crucial field goal. Manly grabbed the lead early when winger Craig Hancock scored under the posts after a long break from Williams. ... It wasn't until 16 minutes into the second half that Wests scored the equaliser. Winger Mark Bell scooted over under the posts, posting his tenth try of the season. Manly forward Ian Roberts spilled a pass only to see Taylor pick up the loose ball and scoot clear. Bell loomed on the inside and raced clear of the Manly defence. Late in the match, Sea Eagles skipper Michael O'Connor had three shots at a field goal, only to see each attempt swing wide. Cleary, Manly's stand-in fullback, missed a late penalty shot as did O'Connor. Wests' Taylor failed in his two shots at field goal, the last hitting the upright. The one point lefts Wests to 15 competition points, one clear of Manly. The drawn match did, however, signal the return to form of international Manly front-rower Martin Bella. Bella's opponent, Wests' prop Darren Britt, also turned in a splendid performance. **(Sunday Telegraph 5th July 1992)**

Notes: Played in very windy conditions, Wests came back strongly in the second half to snatch a draw and go close to winning in the final stages, when a Jason Taylor field goal attempt was blown sideways and hit the upright. Wests made lots of breaks as they got on top and really should have scored more tries. Jason Taylor was back in first grade at half and was very influential. David Gillespie was cited for lifting in a tackle, although most onlookers thought it was pretty innocuous. Darren Britt was very strong up front and his head-to-head clash with Martin Bella was a highlight.