



1982 Round 15 Saturday 5th June Brookvale Oval



Manly-Warringah 18

def.

Western Suburbs 17

Graham EADIE *Fullback*
 John RIBOT *Wing*
 Simon BOOTH *Centre*
 Michael BLAKE *Centre*
 Phil CAREY *Wing*
 Phil BLAKE *Five-eighth*
 Alan THOMPSON *Half*
 Paul VAUTIN *Lock*
 Les BOYD *Second Row*
 Paul McCABE *Second Row*
 Mark BROADHURST *Front Row*
 Max KRILICH (c) *Hooker*
 Geoff GERARD *Front Row*
 Fred TEASDELL *Replacement*
 Martin MEREDITH *Replacement*

Wayne SMITH
 Steve BROUGHTON
 Mick PINKERTON
 Ross CONLON
 Warren BOLAND (c)
 Terry LAMB
 Greg COX
 Jim LEIS
 George MOROKO
 Michael DUKE
 Terry LEABEATER
 Arthur MOUNTIER
 Paul MERLO
 George FAHD



Tries John RIBOT
 Max KRILICH

Paul MERLO
 Greg COX
 Ross CONLON

Goals Graham EADIE (6)

Greg COX (4)

Match Description

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

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: G Eadie; three-quarters: J Ribot, S Booth, M Blake, P Carey; five-eighth: P Blake; half: A Thompson ; forwards: P Vautin, L Boyd, P McCabe, M Broadhurst, M Krilich (c), G Gerard **Referee: D Braybrook (The Sun 7th June 1982)**

Manly produced the great escape of the 1982 Rugby League season to beat Western Suburbs 18-17 at Brookvale Oval yesterday, but they have no chance of winning the premiership in their present form. Trailing 17-8 after 12 minutes of the second half, Manly provided their only real football of the match to score two tries in 12 minutes to snatch the win and stay on top of the table. For most of the match Wests were clearly superior, finishing with three tries to two. Fundamental errors by their players rather than Manly's play decided the outcome of the match. Wests gave away some stupid penalties. Graham Eadie kicked four goals in succession in the first half to reduce Wests' lead, despite their two tries, to only 12-8. Controversy surrounded three of the five tries, the first two scored by Wests and Manly's opening try which put them back into the game. It appeared that a pass from George Moroko to winger Steve Broughton was forward in the lead-up to Greg Cox's try. In the second try three minutes before half-time, second-rower Michael Duke was well wrapped up by Paul Vautin and had both knees on the ground but he got his pass away to Jim Leis who sent Paul Merlo over. If ever there was a case for a penalty for passing off the ground this appeared to be it. Sixteen minutes into the second half, Max Krilich staged a desperate race for the ball over the Wests' line after it had been kneed forward by Mark Broadhurst. Krilich scurried towards the ball with Broughton giving chase. Both of them dived and after the match both claimed they had touched down. "I was surprised when the referee awarded a try to Manly," Broughton said. "I touched down only with my little finger but I got there first," Krilich said. The hard, slogging work of Paul Merlo and some clever play by lock-forward Jim Leis carved holes in the brittle Manly line. Merlo looked like a Test front-runner the way he charged into the rucks, unloaded the ball and was there again to back up. To Manly's credit they did come back, overwhelming a nine-point deficit when they produced their only quality football of the match. Until then the only players who caused Wests any problems were full-back Graham Eadie and winger Phil Carey. Carey used some neat footwork to slip by defenders and should be moved in to the centre to give the attack more penetration, providing the backs ever get the ball. Eadie, back in first grade, will be there for the rest of the season. He landed his first six attempts at goal and ran on to a wide pass from Alan Thompson that set up John Ribot's try 12 minutes from the end. Lock-forward Paul Vautin and prop Mark Broadhurst did a tremendous amount of work around the rucks. They were the only players with hooker Max Krilich who continually tackled well. In the Wests' team, half-back Greg Cox had a busy match, scoring a try and setting up one for Ross Conlon in the second half to give Wests their 17-8 lead. But Wests' hero of the match was Arthur Mountier who was off the field for 10 minutes in the first half to have six stitches put in a head gash and he played through the game with blood caking his face. **(The Sun-Herald 6th June 1982)**

Notes: Wests were very unlucky to lose this match. Most critics agreed that Wests were the better side and Manly had got out of gaol. Wests fielded a re-shuffled team, Wayne Smith going to full-back and Greg Cox to half. Mick Pinkerton and Ross Conlon came into the centres and Jim Leis returned at lock. Leis' return was significant, as he gave Wests much needed drive. Paul Merlo was very strong in the rucks while Arthur Mountier was courageous, leaving the field for 10 minutes with a badly smashed nose, and playing powerfully on his return.