



1974 Round 15 Sunday 7th July Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 22

def.

Manly-Warringah 17



John DORAHY
 Stephen SATTERLY
 Stephen KNIGHT
 Ron GITEAU
 Russell MULLINS
 Russell WORTH
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Jim MYERS
 John ELFORD
 Warren SNODGRASS
 Pat HUNDY
 John PURCELL
 Mick LIUBINSKAS

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

Mick WALLER
 Alan THOMSON
 Gary THOROUGHGOOD
 Rod JACKSON
 Max BROWN
 Ian MARTIN
 Kevin JUNEЕ
 Malcolm REILLY (c)
 Phil LOWE
 Terry RANDALL
 John BARBER
 Max KRILICH
 Bill HAMILTON

Tries

Russell MULLINS
 Stephen KNIGHT
 John DORAHY
 Mick LIUBINSKAS
 Ron GITEAU

Kevin JUNEЕ
 Alan THOMSON
 Gary THOROUGHGOOD

Goals

John DORAHY (3)
 John DORAHY (1) Field Goal

Max BROWN (2)
 Max KRILICH (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: S Satterly, S Knight, R Giteau, R Mullins; five-eighth: R Worth; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: J Myers, J Elford, W Snodgrass, P Hundy, J Purcell, M Liubinskas

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: M Waller; three-quarters: A Thomson, G Thoroughgood, R Jackson, M Brown; five-eighth: I Martin; half: K Junee; forwards: M Reilly, P Lowe, T Randall, J Barber, M Krilich, W Hamilton **Referee: L Bruyeres (Rugby League Week 13th July 1974)**

On a black Sunday for Rugby League, Manly-Warringah lock forward Malcolm Reilly was sent off at Lidcombe Oval in his team's upset 17-22 loss to Western Suburbs and three other players got their marching orders. Reilly was charged by referee Laurie Bruyeres with making a late head-high tackle early in the second half. Wests also had second-rower Warren Snodgrass sent off at about the same time for alleged punching. Wests' thrilling win, by five tries to three, brings them back into final-five calculations. Reilly, Manly's former English Test forward, returned yesterday after completing a two-game suspension on a charge of head-butting against Penrith at Brookvale Oval on June 20. Wests' success over Manly, premiers for the last two seasons, has put fire back into the competition. ... Wests' forwards swarmed over Manly's big men yesterday. Two and three players at a time tackled players at a time; tackled Reilly, Phil Lowe and Bill Hamilton before they could slip away passes. Wests' full-back, John Dorahy, was again outstanding. He scored a fine try and kicked three goals and a field goal. Another field goal attempt bounced off an upright. Prop Mick Liubinskas was outstanding in a brilliant Wests' pack..... **(Sydney Morning Herald 8th July 1974)**

Manly lost all hope of winning the minor premiership when beaten 22-17 by Don Parish's eager young Western Suburbs side at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. The premiers turned in a dreadful display, badly missing Test players Bob Fulton, Graham Eadie and Ray Branighan. Wests led 11-7 at half-time and clung desperately to the lead through a thrilling second half before kicking away at the end to win clearly. Young forwards Mick Liubinskas, Pat Hundy, John Purcell and Jamie Myers again had fine matches and finished on top of the Manly pack. Stephen Knight had a great game in the centres for Wests doing a lot of work in attack and defence. Two of his passes led to tries. Knight played with a pain-killing injection to a nagging head injury. Referee Laurie Bruyeres almost spoilt the game as a spectacle with the sending off of Manly's Mal Reilly and Wests' Warren Snodgrass midway through the second half. He also had a bad game in general, missing a blatant knock-on for Knight's opening try and a forward pass in a Manly try-scoring movement. Full-back John Dorahy had his best game in Sydney football with a sensational solo try and neat goal-kicking. ... **(The Sun 8th July 1974)**

Notes: Raudonikis was a bit battered, backing up from the Saturday Test and didn't feel any better after he was flattened by Mal Reilly, who was sent off for the tackle in the 50th minute. He was followed four minutes later by Warren Snodgrass, sent off for fighting. John Dorahy was judged to have had his best game so far in Sydney with a brilliant running game, culminating in a deceptive, swerving try. Stephen Knight was also again dominant in the centres but it was the young forwards, Hundy and Liubinskas, who ripped into their international opponents and set the foundations for the win.