



# 1972 Round 16 Saturday 1st July Sydney Cricket Ground



## Manly-Warringah 32

def.

## Western Suburbs 7

Alan MADDALENA  
 Max BROWN  
 Garry THOROUGHGOOD  
 Gary TRAIN  
 Bill CLARE  
 Ian MARTIN  
 Dennis WARD  
 Mal REILLY  
 Norm POUNDER  
 Terry RANDALL  
 John O'NEILL  
 Fred JONES (c)  
 John BARBER

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

Tony FORD  
 Jon CLARK  
 Olaf PRATTL  
 Wayne MERRY  
 Russell MULLINS  
 John HEYWARD  
 Colin WITHERS  
 John BAKER (c)  
 John SHERIDAN  
 Barry BRYANT  
 John O'BRYAN  
 Peter HANDCOCK  
 John WALKER  
 Ken STONESTREET  
 Steve WINTER



**Tries** Malcolm REILLY (2)  
 Max BROWN  
 Fred JONES  
 Alan MADDALENA  
 Terry RANDALL

Jon CLARK

**Goals** Max BROWN (7)

Tony FORD (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: J Clark, O Prattl, W Merry, R Mullins; five-eighth: J Heyward; half C Withers; forwards: J Baler (c), J Sheridan, B Bryant, J O'Bryan, P Handcock, J Walker

**Manly-Warringah:** Full-back: A Maddalena; three-quarters: M Brown, G Thoroughgood, G Train, W Clare; five-eighth: I Martin; half: D Ward; forwards: M Reilly, T Randall, N Pounder, J O'Neill, F Jones (c), J Barber **Referee: K Holman (The Sun 30th June 1972)**

Ron Willey's Manly Sea Eagles coasted along in low gear at the SCG yesterday to demoralise a Western Suburbs combination which just wouldn't have a go. When the full-time hooter sounded to release the 10,241 brave souls who paid to watch the match, the scoreboard read Manly 32, Wests 7. Had the Sea Eagles been inclined at any stage to switch into over-drive, undoubtedly, they would have reached the half century. The win put Manly into the premiership lead with 25 points but their stay there should be brief because leaders St George should account for Penrith this afternoon. Manly went into the game white-hot favourites but even they did not expect to win with such ease. At some stages, particularly in the second half, the Magpies refused to tackle. This gave the Eagles more confidence. Manly officials nearly had heart failure as winger Jon Clark went over for Wests because their prize possession Malcolm Reilly was on the ground writhing in agony. Reilly went down clutching his left knee after attempting a tackle. After having been helped to his feet, he left the ground obviously in pain. But in the dressing-room later, Reilly said he had no pain and was all right. Wests' coach Don Parish, was disappointed at the performances of his players and made no bones about it. "I thought that by promoting a few of the younger players for this game we would be in with a real chance of upsetting Manly," he said. "But most of them wouldn't have a go, so the score isn't surprising in the circumstances. Had the same fellows played on their home ground at Lidcombe Oval it might have been a different story." Parish and Wests' selectors had to admit they had made a mistake after only nine minutes into the second spell. Manly skipper, Fred Jones, had crossed for the easiest of tries from the dummy-half position and as Max Brown was converting the touchdown, Wests' hooker Peter Hancock left the field. He was not injured but because Jones was leading the scrum count 14-2 Wests replaced him with the experienced Ken Stonestreet. Stonestreet finished on level terms with Jones for the remainder of the game when they won three each. ... Wests suffered from the loss of their skipper Tom Raudonikis and second-rower John Elford but their replacements cannot be excused for failing to tackle. Olaf Prattl, Wests' \$35,000 centre purchase was once again all at sea and it's hard to see him keeping his place in the team. Manly winger, Max Brown, scored a try and kicked seven goals to produce another solid showing but Malcolm Reilly and second-rower Terry Randall were the men doing the most damage. **(Sunday Mirror 2nd July 1972)**

**Notes:** Raudonikis and Elford were both our for this match, to play for NSW against Qld. Manly had Fulton and Hamilton out as well. Elford was actually sent off in the Wednesday game against Qld, while Raudonikis had a jaw X-ray which came back ok. Wests gambled with playing Third Grade hooker, Peter Handcock, but after being smashed in the scrums by Freddie Jones, he was replaced ten minutes into the second half by Ken Stonestreet. The re-shuffled team wasn't up to the task and, except for Barry Bryant, they put up their worst performance of the season. Olaf Prattl, in the centres, had a very poor game.