



# 1987 Round 16 Sunday 21st June Brookvale Oval



## Manly-Warringah 26

def.

## Western Suburbs 25

Dale SHEARER  
David RONSON  
Darrell WILLIAMS  
Michael O'CONNOR  
Stuart DAVIS  
Cliff LYONS  
Des HASLER  
Paul VAUTIN (c)  
Ian BARKLEY  
Ron GIBBS  
Kevin WARD  
Mal COCHRANE  
Phil DALEY  
Paul SHAW

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

Steve McCOY  
Phillip DUKE  
John ALLANSON  
Ian NADEN  
Paul SHEAHAN  
Doug RAWLINGS  
Trevor COGGER  
Ian SCHUBERT (c)  
Terry DONNELLAN  
John ELIAS  
Ian FREEMAN  
Alan FALLAH  
Les WHITE  
Wayne LAMBKIN  
Craig ELLIS  
Huw REES  
Brett GALE



### Tries

Stuart DAVIS (2)  
Cliff LYONS  
Michael O'CONNOR  
David RONSON

John ALLANSON  
Paul SHEAHAN  
Trevor COGGER  
Ian NADEN

### Goals

Mal COCHRANE (3)

Ian SCHUBERT (3)  
Huw REES (1)  
Ian NADEN (1) Field Goal

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: R S McCoy; three-quarters: P Duke, I Naden, J Allanson, P Sheahan; five-eighth: D Rawlings; half: T Cogger; forwards: I Schubert (c), J Elias, T Donnellan, I Freeman, A Fallah, L White

**Manly-Warringah:** Full-back: D Shearer; three-quarters: D Ronson, M O'Connor. D Williams, S Davis; five-eighth: C Lyons; half: D Hasler; forwards: P Vautin (c), I Barkley, R Gibbs, K Ward, M Cochrane, P Daley **Referee: W Harrigan (Rugby League Week 24th June 1987)**

Manly's two-try hero Stuart Davis was left sore, sorry and angry by a spear tackle which referee Bill Harrigan did not act on. Davis had to receive medical attention before he could play the ball after two Wests' players executed the tackle early in the second half of an incident-packed game which Manly won 26-25 in the last minute at Brookvale Oval yesterday. "I thought the referee should have done something about it – we all know spear tackles are illegal," he said. "I was able to put one hand on the ground as I was going down, my legs also curled up and I reckon they're the only things which saved me. The tackle left me pretty sore." Manly coach Bob Fulton and captain Paul Vautin praised the wiry Davis after the game, who has this season scored six tries in five first grade games. "He's a genius," Fulton said. ... Fulton accused his players of showing little respect for Wests, who took control of the game early and were pipped only by their own foolish mistakes. "We learnt a very valuable lesson today – we treated them with no respect in the first half," he said. "We had players who were playing as if they were park players." Two of Manly's five tries were scored when Wests were reduced to 12 players by sin-bin stints for second-rower Terry Donnellan and winger Paul Sheahan. Sheahan's indiscretion undoubtedly cost Wests the match. He was sent to the sin-bin with two minutes remaining after steadying the momentum of Manly five-eighth Cliff Lyons with an ankle-tap tackle from an off-side position. From the ensuing tap penalty, Manly prop Kevin Ward sucked in three Wests' players as he ran towards the line and popped up a pass for winger David Ronson to cross for the match-winning try in the corner. ... Sheahan almost went from hero to a villain just before going to the sin-bin. He made a long run into Manly's half only to see his captain Ian Schubert spill the ball while pushing a pass. ... A dejected Wests' coach Steve Ghosn said later, "I still can't believe it. How can you get someone sin-binned when a game's so tight? Then they score down Sheahan's wing. Our last four games have been tremendous efforts against Balmain, Penrith, Parramatta and Manly, but it's hard to build confidence when things like this happen." ... Wests seemed to have the game parcelled up when they increased their 17-10 half-time advantage to 25-12 midway through the second half. ... (**Daily Mirror 22nd June 1987**)

**Notes:** After losing to Balmain in the last few seconds, Wests found another way to lose with Manly scoring an 80th minute try. Manly scored two tries with Wests' players in the sin-bin. Manly was able to whittle back a 25-12 deficit but it was when Paul Sheahan went to the sin-bin with 2 minutes remaining, after just making a 50-metre break, that the match turned, with David Ronson scoring a last-minute try down the vacant Sheahan wing. Ian Schubert had an inspirational game but it was "Herbie" Freeman who was clearly the best player on the field.