



# 1978 Round 18 Sunday 23rd July Brookvale Oval



## Manly-Warringah 16

def.

## Western Suburbs 10

John GIBBS  
 Tom MOONEY  
 Graham EADIE  
 Alan THOMPSON  
 Simon BOOTH  
 Ian MARTIN  
 Steve MARTIN  
 Bruce WALKER  
 Wayne SPRINGALL  
 John HARVEY  
 John GRAY  
 Max KRILICH (c)  
 Ian THOMSON  
 Ed PLANTEN

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

Don MOSELEY  
 David WAITE  
 Ron GITEAU  
 Wayne SMITH  
 Buddy CAIN  
 Peter ROWLES  
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
 Graeme O'GRADY  
 Trevor REARDON  
 Les BOYD  
 John DONNELLY  
 Shane DAY  
 Bruce GIBBS  
 Geoff FOSTER



**Tries** Wayne SPRINGALL  
 Steve MARTIN

Ron GITEAU  
 Buddy CAIN

**Goals** Graham EADIE (3)  
 John GRAY (2)

Peter ROWLES (2)

### Match Description

**Manly-Warringah:** Full-back: J Gibbs; three-quarters: T Mooney, G Eadie, A Thompson, S Booth; five-eighth: I Martin; half: S Martin; forwards: B Walker, W Springall, J Harvey, J Gray, M Krilich (c), I Thomson

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Moseley; three-quarters: D Waite, R Giteau, W Smith, E Cain; five-eighth: P Rowles; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: G O'Grady, L Boyd, T Reardon, J Donnelly, S Day, B Gibbs **Referee: G Hartley (Rugby League Week 29th July 1978)**

"We felt we would have a bloke sent from the field if he even growled at a Manly player." This was how coach Roy Masters explained the lack of fire-eating play by Western Suburbs when Manly knocked them off the top of the Rugby League ladder with a 16-10 win at Brookvale. "We wouldn't be too confident to have one of our blokes going before the judiciary," he added. "We've had no-one sent off this year, yet two Wests' players have been suspended for seven weeks from video replays." Each team scored two tries, but Manly thoroughly deserved their victory with a vastly improved showing in a match marked by a lot of dropped balls. It would have been a lot closer, however, if Peter Rowles, the champion Wests' kicker, hadn't hit the upright with a couple of sitters from almost right in front. The Sea Eagles led 9-2 at the interval, and went further ahead just after the break when half-back Steve Martin scored a converted try. Wests finally showed their teeth when centre Ron Giteau made it look child's play to break the Manly defensive line in a 60-yard solo try. And it was 14-10 when Tom Raudonikis darted through a gaping hole up the centre to put winger Buddy Cain over for an easy try. It was significant that Graham Eadie should switch from centre to full-back and John Gibbs from full-back to half as soon as Manly looked in trouble. Gibbs invariably made ground with his zig-zag running, but he badly missed Giteau when the Wests' centre scored his try. Unfortunately I can't present Manly's side of the story as coach Frank Stanton politely informed me that Sun men aren't welcome in the Sea Eagles' camp. Obviously, Stanton was still smarting from The Sun's exclusive revelations of dissension in the Manly team. **(The Sun 24th July 1978)**

Western Suburbs, premiership pacesetters for seven weeks, are now back in the ruck of semi-final contenders and facing a dog-fight to make the final five. A 16-10 loss yesterday to a determined Manly has pushed Wests back to equal second place with Canterbury on 25 points..... "Two weeks ago, we only needed to win two of our last six games to make the semi-finals," Wests' coach Roy Masters said. "Now we have to win two of our last four games. I hope we can maintain our unbeaten record at Lidcombe Oval this season when we play Parramatta on Sunday." ..... For Wests, their captain Tommy Raudonikis turned in a busy first half performance and his 15 completed tackles kept Manly from running away with the game. **(Daily Telegraph 24th July 1978)**

**Notes:** In a major re-shuffle, Wayne Smith was back in the centres and Peter Rowles to five-eighth. Trevor Reardon was also in for Steve Blyth. John Dorahy didn't back up from the Australian match on Saturday and Don Moseley went to full-back. Raudonikis did back up, however, and was Wests' best, actually topping the tackle count. The Wests' forwards were surprisingly subdued, but Roy Masters said they were too worried about being sent off or cited after the fiery first round match. It didn't help that Peter Rowles also hit the post twice from almost in front which would have brought the scores back to 14-all.