



# 1994 Round 18 Sunday 31st July Campbelltown Stadium



**Manly-Warringah 28**

**def.**

**Western Suburbs 14**

Matthew RIDGE  
 Craig HANCOCK  
 Terry HILL  
 Danny MOORE  
 Anthony ROGERS  
 Cliff LYONS  
 Geoff TOOVEY (c)  
 Owen CUNNINGHAM  
 Steve MENZIES  
 Daniel GARTNER  
 Matt DUNFORD  
 David O'DONNELL  
 David ALEXANDER

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

Andrew LEEDS  
 Paul SMITH  
 Brandon PEARSON  
 Ken McGUINNESS  
 Darren WILLIS  
 Josh WHITE  
 Jason ALCHIN  
 Steve GEORGALLIS  
 Stephen KEARNEY  
 Paul LANGMACK  
 Glenn GRIEF  
 Jim SERDARIS (c)  
 Brent STUART  
 Peter SHIELS  
 Mark AFFLICK  
 Andrew WILLIS



**Tries**

Chris LYONS  
 Geoff TOOVEY  
 Anthony ROGERS  
 Matthew RIDGE  
 Terry HILL

Brandon PEARSON (2)  
 Jim SERDARIS

**Goals**

Matthew RIDGE (4)

Andrew LEEDS (1)

**Match Description**

**Manly-Warringah:** Full-back: M Ridge; three-quarters: C Hancock, D Moore, T Hill, A Rogers; five-eighth: C Lyons; half: G Toovey (c); forwards: O Cunningham, S Menzies, D Gartner, M Dunford, D O'Donnell, D Alexander

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: P Smith, B Pearson, K McGuinness, D Willis; five-eighth: J White; half: J Alchin; forwards: S Georgallis, P Langmack, S Kearney, G Grief, J Serdaris (c), B Stuart **Referee: S Clark (Daily Telegraph 1st August 1994)**

Manly coach Bob Fulton claimed 32-year-old Cliff Lyons was playing the best football of his career after the five-eighth had a routine day at work during yesterday's 28-14 win over Western Suburbs at Campbelltown Sports Ground. Lyons scored a try and set up Manly's four others, destroying Wests' spirit after their promising early start as they tried to atone for the 66-8 defeat in round one. Lavish descriptions of Lyons' wizardry have become almost boringly predictable in recent weeks. Once again he set up one try after looking to be totally hemmed in by the defence (to Terry Hill), once again he popped up a gem of a ball after a scrum win (Matthew Ridge scored), and once again he put a forward through with a perfectly-weighted cut-out pass (Anthony Rogers scored after a Daniel Gartner break). In between, he managed to back up Craig Hancock and Terry Hill to score himself, and sent captain Geoff Toovey on a 30-metre scoot to the try line. Lyons agreed that while he's been getting a truckload of favourable publicity lately, for some reason it hasn't been coming with the "Kangaroo Tour certainty" label that most other form players are having foisted upon them. This is so, despite his Ashes-winning contribution in 1990. "I'll just have to keep playing well for them to say that, I suppose," he said. Fulton told the post-match media conference that Lyons had never played better - not in the lead up to the 1990 Kangaroo tour and not even when he spearheaded the Sea Eagles to the 1987 premiership. .... Despite the unavailability through injury of international forwards David Gillespie, Mark Carroll and Ian Roberts, Manly's top-three spot was really only under threat for the opening 22 minutes yesterday. Wests' hooker Jim Sedaris scored from a Josh White grubber kick in the 16th minute after Ridge had uncharacteristically missed an early penalty shot. Ex-Magpie centre Hill was roasted by the Campbelltown crowd when he brushed past a couple of defenders to score off Lyons soon after, but it was the softness of Ridge's first tackle touchdown in the 22nd minute which marked the competition points as being Manly's. "They busted their arses in the second half," West coach Wayne Ellis said of his charges. "As they said earlier in the season, it would have been easy for them to walk away at half time and get flogged but, you know, they did a good job in the second half." Ellis blamed himself for Lyons' performance, saying that he'd been responsible for the wrong first-half defensive tactics. ... (Sydney Morning Herald 1st August 1994)

**Notes:** Cliff Lyons was again the destroyer after Wests played well early and led 6-0. They were running into an 80kmh wind, however, and were down 24-6 by half-time. Wests, however, stepped up in defence and defended very well in the second half. Brandon Pearson stamped his potential with a two-try performance. An injury to Ken McGuinness blunted the attack just when Wests were firing.