



# 1997 Round 19 Sunday 10th August Brookvale Oval



**Manly-Warringah 48**

**def.**

**Western Suburbs 14**

Shannon NEVIN  
 Danny MOORE  
 Craig INNES  
 Terry HILL  
 John HOPOATE  
 Geoff TOOVEY (c)  
 Cliff LYONS  
 Nik KOSEF  
 Steve MENZIES  
 Anthony COLELLA  
 Mark CARROLL  
 Jim SERDARIS  
 Neil TIERNEY  
 David GILLESPIE  
 Scott FULTON  
 Andrew HUNTER  
 Craig FIELD

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

Andrew LEEDS  
 Darren WILLIS  
 Ken MCGUINNESS  
 Andrew WILLIS  
 Brett HODGSON  
 Adam DOYLE  
 Steve GEORGALLIS  
 Des HASLER (c)  
 Damian KENNEDY  
 Shane MILLARD  
 Harvey HOWARD  
 Kevin MCGUINNESS  
 John SKANDALIS  
 Darren CAPOVILLA  
 Bill DUNN  
 Ciriaco MESCIA  
 Shayne McMENEMY



**Tries** Terry HILL (3)  
 Steve MENZIES (2)  
 Jim SERDARIS  
 Craig INNESS  
 Shannon NEVIN  
 Anthony COLELLA

Kevin MCGUINNESS (2)  
 Ken MCGUINNESS

**Goals** Shannon NEVIN (6)

Brett HODGSON (1)

**Match Description**

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: D Willis, Ken McGuinness, A Willis, B Hodgson; five-eighth: A Doyle; half: S Georgallis; forwards: D Hasler (c), D Kennedy, S Millard, J Skandalis, Kevin McGuinness, H Howard

**Manly-Warringah:** Full-back: S Nevin; three-quarters: D Moore, C Innes, T Hill, J Hopoate; five-eighth: G Toovey (c); half: C Lyons; forwards: N Kosef, S Menzies, A Colelle, M Carroll, J Serdaris, N Tierney **Referee: D Manson (Big League 10th August 1997)**

It was billed as the "Battle of the Birds" but the Magpies were well and truly plucked by half time. The Seagulls soared and the Magpies fell to earth in a first half performance which Manly coach Bob Fulton described as "the best 40 minutes of football we've played in the last two to three years." Manly's angled running and patient defence returned with all the vigour and venom shown during the club's run to the 1996 premiership. ... Wests' coach Tom Raudonikis has a tattoo of a magpie with a bloody beak on his right shoulder, although most friends who have observed it secretly contend the bird looks more like a seagull. Besieged from all directions, Raudonikis even felt his tattoo turned on him yesterday. Trying to find a positive from the game, he said, " (Prop) John Skandalis hurt his leg in the first half and I knew we were gone so I kept him off, rather than aggravate it. Other than that, at least the boys had to go in the second half." Raudonikis pointed out Manly's first three tries came from Wests' errors but that merely reflects the punishing nature of the Seagulls' play. Manly was so commanding they dredged up rare ways to score. The first try came from a scrum win against the feed and centre Terry Hill ran around a hapless Andrew Willis. Willis, playing in the unusual position of centre, was immediately yanked from the field, hooker Kevin McGuinness, was hauled from the scrum and dispatched to his normal place in the three-quarters. .... Former Manly veteran Wests' captain yesterday, Des Hasler, said afterwards: "They are the best side we've played so far. They have that look about them while a few other sides are starting to wobble a bit." Wests' English proper Harvey Howard made an interesting observation about his team's performance. An articulate front rower, Howard argued the amount of pre match hype is in inverse proportion to the fire on the field. "We seem to do all that talking in the dressing room," he said. Wests' most garrulous player, Paul Langmack, did not take the field, Raudonikis instead wisely rested his creative lock, who is carrying a slight injury. Langmack has never played a losing match against Norths at Campbelltown and is hoping this statistic helps lift the Magpies into the top seven. .... (Sydney Morning Herald 11th August 1997)

**Notes:** This was a very disappointing performance in a crucial match. It was a very poor defensive effort and also error-ridden, with the first three Manly tries coming from errors. Andrew Willis missed a tackle early and was replaced by Kevin McGuinness, moving from hooker back into the centres. Langmack was out with a neck injury and his leadership was missed.