



1976 Round 2 Sunday 28th March Brookvale Oval



Manly-Warringah 17

def.

Western Suburbs 13

Graham EADIE
 Tom MOONEY
 Ray BRANIGHAN
 Bob FULTON (c)
 Rod JACKSON
 Ian MARTIN
 Alan THOMPSON
 Gary THOROUGHGOOD
 Phil LOWE
 Terry RANDALL
 Col PARKES
 Max KRILICH
 Mark WILLOUGHBY

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

Wayne SMITH
 Don ROGERS
 Ron GITEAU
 Ken HEY
 Russell MULLINS
 Graeme O'GRADY
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Les BOYD
 Geoff FOSTER
 John ELFORD
 John DONNELLY
 John PURCELL
 Peter YOUNG
 Mick LIUBINSKAS
 Trevor SCARR



Tries

Graham EADIE
 Rod JACKSON
 Tom MOONEY

Ron GITEAU
 Graeme O'GRADY
 Peter YOUNG

Goals

Graham EADIE (4)

Graeme O'GRADY (2)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: G Eadie; three-quarters: T Mooney, R Branighan, R Fulton (c), R Jackson; five-eighth: I Martin; half: A Thompson; forwards: G Thoroughgood, P Lowe, T Randall, C Parkes, M Krilich, M Willoughby

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: D Rogers, R Giteau, K Hey, R Mullins; five-eighth: G O'Grady; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: L Boyd, G Foster, J Elford, J Donnelly, J Purcell, P Young **Referee: G Hartley (Rugby League Week 3rd April 1976)**

Manly defeated Western Suburbs 17-13 at Brookvale Oval yesterday in a game which could easily have gone to the Magpies. Western Suburbs missed with four kicks at goal – two “sitters” and one which should have been kicked. At one stage, shortly before half-time, Wests led Manly 8-2. But the Seagulls full-back Graham Eadie was spot on with his kicking and his four goals were enough to give Manly a win. Eadie was the star of a tough, fast game of football. Apart from his goals he scored a wonderful try, continually made ground in attack and was magnificent in defence. At times, when Manly was struggling under pressure before a persistent Western Suburbs attack, it was Eadie who led the way in defence – and each of his tackles stung. Western Suburbs lost nothing in defeat. They scored two easy tries during the first half – one to centre Ron Giteau and the second to five-eighth Graham O'Grady. With Wests leading 8-2 it took that footballing freak Bob Fulton, a constant worry to the Magpies, to get Manly back into the game. Fulton took a pass from dummy half as the half-time hooter sounded and with nowhere to go, hooked a high kick to Tom Mooney's wing. The ball landed 1m short of the Wests' line for Mooney to toe across and touch down. Two Eadie goals and his try shortly after half-time took Manly back into the lead. Wests had Manly under constant pressure in the second half. They eventually scored when new prop Peter Young, one of their best players, pushed his way across. But Manly fought back after Phil Lowe and Fulton combined to send winger Rod Jackson across for a try near the corner, which Eadie converted, to seal the game. For Manly, Eadie, Fulton, Ian Martin, Terry Randall, Lowe and the courageous Max Krilich, who won the scrums 11-8, were outstanding. Wests' skipper Tom Raudonikis had his normal non-stop enthusiastic game and organised a blind-side barrage against the Manly defence. He had fine support from John Elford, John Donnelly, Young and an aggressive Geoff Foster. **(Daily Telegraph 29th March 1976)**

John Donnelly, the big prop forward, will be the new Western Suburbs goal-kicker. This follows yesterday's bruising 17-13 loss to Manly at Brookvale which would have been a victory if the Magpies had a decent kicker. Graeme O'Grady missed three easy kicks which Manly's hero Graham Eadie could have landed with a blindfold over his eyes. "I'll give Donnelly a go against Penrith next Sunday ... who else have I got?" grimaced Don Parish, Wests' coach. "Wayne Smith (the young full-back) is a kicker, but it would put too much pressure on the kid." Wests' eager beavers didn't lose any admirers as they swarmed all over Manly with some jarring tackling. "They're slightly better than Balmain," said Frank Stanton, the Manly coach. "They could make the final five." **(The Sun 29th March 1975)**

Notes: Wests were on top early in a thrilling match from the start, and led 8-2. The poor goal-kicking was now becoming a serious issue and Don Parish said that John Donnelly would be tried as a kicker in the next match. Donnelly was held up over the line in the final minute which may have won the match. Peter Young and Tom Raudonikis were impressive, while Geoff Foster was very aggressive.