



1995 Round 21 Saturday 19th August Campbelltown Stadium



Manly-Warringah 34

def.

Western Suburbs 12

Matthew RIDGE (c)	Fullback
Craig HANCOCK	Wing
Steve MENZIES	Centre
John HOPOATE	Centre
Jack ELSEGOOD	Wing
Cliff LYONS	Five-eighth
Des HASLER	Half
Nik KOSEF	Lock
Ian ROBERTS	Second Row
Daniel GARTNER	Second Row
Mark CARROLL	Front Row
Owen CUNNINGHAM	Hooker
David GILLESPIE	Front Row
Billy WEEPU	Replacement
Shannon NEVIN	Replacement
Solomon HAUMONO	Replacement

Andrew LEEDS
Tony WALL
Paul BELL
Darren WILLIS
Brad HUGHES
Brandon PEARSON
Kevin McGUINNESS
Steve GEORGALLIS
Mark HORO
Paul LANGMACK (c)
Glenn GRIEF
Chris WILLIAMS
Brent STUART
Justin DOOLEY
Bill DUNN
Darren BURNS



Tries Daniel GARTNER (2)
Cliff LYONS
John HOPOATE
Des HASLER
Jack ELSEGOOD

Darren WILLIS
Tony WALL
Brandon PEARSON

Goals Matthew RIDGE (5)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: T Wall, D Willis, P Bell, B Hughes; five-eighth: B Pearson; half: Kevin McGuinness; forwards: S Georgallis, M Horo, P Langmack (c), B Stuart, C Williams

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: M Ridge (c); three-quarters: C Hancock, S Menzies, J Hopoate, J Elsegood; five-eighth: C Lyons; half: D Hasler; forwards: N Kosef, I Roberts, D Gartner, M Carroll, O Cunningham, D Gillespie **Referee: G West (Big League 19th August 1995)**

Manly veteran Dez Hasler revealed he had changed his tackling style after 14 seasons in a bid to end Manly's woeful run with the judiciary. After having four players suspended in the past five weeks, Manly got through yesterday's 34-12 win over Wests without missing a beat. But Hasler, whose style of jumping up and wrapping players ball and all in tackles, was the subject of a chat with coach Bob Fulton during the week that resulted in the change in style. "Bob and I had a talk about it and I've decided to try giving away those ball and all tackles," Hasler said after yesterday's convincing victory. "With our record at the judiciary of late, we can't afford to have another bloke sent off. It's too risky and I'll be putting a stop to it." The Sea Eagles ensured themselves of the minor premiership with a highly professional win over an enthusiastic Wests. After putting up some early resistance, Wests crumbled as Manly piled on the power. The Seagulls scored six scorching tries, including one memorable 99 metre touchdown. Showing an almost arrogant disdain for the defence, Manly skipper Matthew Ridge took a quick tap on his own line, with the move ending under the Wests' posts. The Seagulls now only need to beat Souths at home in the final round to secure the minor premiership. "This was a good hit out for us on the eve of the finals and I was very pleased with a lot of the things we did," Manly coach Bob Fulton said. "We have scored some comprehensive wins in the last three weeks and this was right up there with them, particularly as we had blokes out and other blokes playing out of position." Despite the big loss, the Magpies gave good value and were afforded a standing ovation by the crowd after the match. Proud fans chanted "Magpies, Magpies, Magpies" in a fitting tribute to the team's fighting performances this season. Skipper Paul Langmack again led the Magpies superbly. Manly were impressive in everything they did with the ageless Hasler collecting man-of-the-match honours. Back in the halfback spot to replace the injured Geoff Toovey, Hasler showed all his old dash and loads of enthusiasm. The Seagulls Tongan connection, John Hopoate and Solomon Haumono, proved outstanding in attack and constantly troubled the Magpies. Second-rower Daniel Gardner bagged two tries, while up front the big men Mark Carroll and David Gillespie did the job in heatwave conditions. Wests' coach Tom Raudonikis admitted the Seagulls will be hard to beat for the title as the competition hots up in the next few weeks. "It's between them and Canberra." Raudonikis said. Despite the loss, Wests can be proud of their efforts this season. **(The Sunday Telegraph 20th August 1995)**

Notes: Played in searing heat, the match became a scrappy error-ridden mess. Wests led early with two quick tries but Manly quickly showed why they were premiership favourites to outclass Wests in the second half. Paul Langmack was again Wests' best.