



1989 Round 22 Sunday 27th August Orana Park



Manly-Warringah 20

def.

Western Suburbs 14

Darrell WILLIAMS
 Sean TOWNSEND
 Dale SHEARER
 Michael O'CONNOR
 Stuart DAVIS
 Cliff LYONS
 Geoff TOOVEY
 Des HASLER
 Owen CUNNINGHAM
 Paul VAUTIN (c)
 Glenn BOURNE
 Mal COCHRANE
 Phil DALEY
 Bernard DWYER
 Joe ROPATI
 Mark POCOCK

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

Danny PEACOCK
 Graham MACKAY
 Jason STAFFORD
 Trevor COGGER
 Michael MCKINNON
 Jason LIDDEN
 Richard SMITH (c)
 Brendon TUUTA
 Cameron BLAIR
 Dave GALLAGHER
 Dave WOODS
 Shane FLANAGAN
 Pat O'DOHERTY
 Brett DOCHERTY
 Alan FALLAH
 Doug RAWLINGS
 Darren BRITT



Tries Dale SHEARER (2)
 Paul VAUTIN
 Des HASLER

Richard SMITH
 Trevor COGGER

Goals Mal COCHRANE (1)
 Michael O'CONNOR (1)

Pat O'DOHERTY (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Peacock; three-quarters: G Mackay, T Cogger, J Stafford, M McKinnon; five-eighth: J Lidden; half: R Smith (c); forwards: B Tuuta, C Blair, D Gallagher, D Woods, S Flanagan, P O'Doherty

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: D Williams; three-quarters: S Townsend, D Shearer, M O'Connor, S Davis; five-eighth: C Lyons; half: G Toovey; forwards: D Hasler, O Cunningham, P Vautin (c), G Bourne, M Cochrane, P Daley **Referee: P Cooley (Rugby League Week 30th August 1989)**

Manly's captain of the 1980s, Paul Vautin, gave a shock prediction for his successor in the 1990s after his last hurrah for the Sea Eagles yesterday. Vautin named boom teenage half-back Geoff Toovey as the man who is destined to skipper the club in the future following the pair's demolition job on Wests at Orana Park. Vautin celebrated his finale with a smart try in a gutsy Manly win, but he saved all his praise for man-of-the-match, Toovey. "He's a great kid and could go all the way," Vautin said, pulling off his maroon jumper for the last time. "He's just always on the ball and I see him as a great future Manly captain – not next season or even the one after – but eventually." With the trace of a tear, Vautin ended his life at Manly with a typically determined 80-minute performance. There was no presentation from the Manly club awaiting him, not even a gold watch – just a cold shower. "I'll probably go home now and get drunk," he said in typical Vautin matter-of-fact style. "I've had a lot of good times here and it's an emotional time for me. I wish the club well in the future; it's just unfortunate I can't be part of it." Vautin was determined to end his 11-year career with Manly on a high note but he had to contend with several stumbling blocks on a fiery afternoon in the Magpies' nest. A highly motivated Wests' side, backed by a partisan Magpie crowd, came out breathing fire. The dismissal of Manly five-eighth Cliff Lyons eleven minutes from half-time appeared certain to end the Sea Eagles' chances, but Vautin rallied his troops. Wests led 8-6 shortly after Lyons' dismissal, but Vautin turned the tide when he barged over before the break. Lock Des Hasler sprinted 30m from the scrum-base early in the second half to put Manly ahead 14-8, before Wests' skipper Richard Smith levelled the scores at 14-all. Quick thinking by Toovey 11 minutes from the finish ensured the win. It was also an emotional afternoon for sacked Manly coach Alan Thompson, who was able to hold his head high after his last match in a 17-year career with the club. "The boys showed plenty of guts and it was nice to win and great to see "Fatty" go out on a good note," Thompson said. **(Daily Mirror 28th August 1989)**

Notes: When Cliff Lyons was sent off in the 30th minute the match was there for the taking but simple errors and some dubious refereeing decisions meant the match slipped away. The second Shearer try in the 70th minute was off an obvious knock-on. It was a typical rugged forward clash, with Pat O'Doherty to the fore again, but Richard Smith was clearly Wests' best player.