



1983 Round 26 Sunday 28th August Brookvale Oval



Manly-Warringah 40

def.

Western Suburbs 10

Graham EADIE
 John RIBOT
 Michael BLAKE
 Phil SIGSWORTH
 Kerry BOUSTEAD
 Alan THOMPSON (c)
 Phil BLAKE
 Ian SCHUBERT
 Noel CLEAL
 Paul VAUTIN
 Paul McCABE
 Wayne HONEYWOOD
 Geoff GERARD
 Michael LENON

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

David GREENE
 Warren BOLAND (c)
 Mark BEAVEN
 David HARRIS
 Trevor COGGER
 Terry LAMB
 Scott GALE
 Michael DUKE
 Brett GALE
 Ian FREEMAN
 John DONNELLY
 Arthur MOUNTIER
 Bruce CLARK
 Wayne SMITH
 Paul BEAVEN
 Greg McELHONE



Tries Michael BLAKE (2)
 Alan THOMPSON
 Phil SIGSWORTH
 Paul McCABE
 Noel CLEAL
 Kerry BOUSTEAD

Trevor COGGER (2)

Goals Graham EADIE (6)

David GREENE (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Greene; three-quarters: T Cogger, M Beaven, D Harris, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: S Gale; forwards: M Duke, B Gale, I Freeman, J Donnelly, A Mountier, B Clark

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: G Eadie; three-quarters: J Ribot, M Blake, P Sigsworth, K Boustead; five-eighth: A Thompson (c); half: P Blake; forwards: I Schubert, N Cleal, P Vautin, P McCabe, W Honeywood, G Gerard **Referee: J Gocher (The Sun 29th August 1983)**

The mis-match between Manly-Warringah and Western Suburbs at Brookvale Oval yesterday was never going to change Rugby League history. The top-placed and almighty Manly team were always going to beat the wooden spooners. The only question was by how much. The answer was a lop-sided 40-10 score-line. Instead, the movements of Graham Eadie, the Manly and Australian fullback, took precedence over all, providing the excuse for such a big crowd attending such an uninviting match. It was Eadie's last match at his beloved Brookvale ground, and the Manly supporters came out in a 11,000-plus force to cheer their beloved "Wombat" in his natural habitat for the last time. The scene was well set. Appropriately, behind one of his goal-posts, over which the retiring Eadie has piloted hundreds of goals in an illustrious 13-year career, a sign read: "Wombat is the greatest." Just before the match accolades came from all sides when Eadie was presented with a club life membership and his wife, Barbara, with two bouquets of flowers. Eadie seemed a little stunned by it all and groped for the words to express his thanks. "Geez ... it has been a great 13 seasons and I think there is only one more thing to do and that is to win the competition on September 25. I would like to thank the supporters who have been terrific and the friends I have made .. "an emotional Eadie said. Then the massacre began, with Eadie playing a customary safe game while being spurred on by an enthusiastic roar every time he touched the ball. He also showed off his peerless goal-kicking skills with six goals from eighth attempts. After the match Eadie was still the focal point of attention. Coach Bob Fulton said that Eadie was as good a fullback as Graeme Langlands, and the man in question posed proudly for photographs, signed autographs, and shook many hands in a cluttered Manly dressing room. ... **(The Sydney Morning Herald 29th August 1983)**

.... After the game, Len Stacker, the Wests coach, was adamant he wouldn't pick Phil Blake for the coming play-off matches if he was in Fulton's shoes. "We moved up quickly on Blake, covered his kicks and stopped him scoring a try," said Stacker. "I'd play Alan Thompson half and Phil Sigsworth five-eighth." **(The Sun 29th August 1983)**

Notes: This was Graham Eadie's last match at Brookvale and the Manly team was up for the match, racing to a 30-2 half-time lead. Led by Terry Lamb and Scott Gale, Wests were much more competitive in the second half, but the Manly defence shut them out for most of the game. Arthur Mountier announced his retirement after a hard-working career. Of course, worse was to come with the 29-12 vote on September 26th to throw Wests out of the comp. It was overturned in the Equity Court two weeks later, but the damage had been done with nine First Grade players leaving the club.