



1994 Round 3 Saturday 26th March Brookvale Oval



Manly-Warringah 66

def.

Western Suburbs 8

Matthew RIDGE (c) **Fullback**
 Craig HANCOCK **Wing**
 Chris RYAN **Centre**
 Danny MOORE **Centre**
 Jack ELSEGOOD **Wing**
 Terry HILL **Five-eighth**
 Cliff LYONS **Half**
 Owen CUNNINGHAM **Lock**
 Ian ROBERTS **Second Row**
 Daniel GARTNER **Second Row**
 Mark CARROLL **Front Row**
 Scott FULTON **Hooker**
 David GILLESPIE **Front Row**
 Steve MENZIES **Replacement**
 Matt DUNFORD **Replacement**
 David O'DONNELL **Replacement**

Andrew LEEDS
 Illiesa TOGA
 Brad HUGHES
 Steve GEORGALLIS
 Darren WILLIS
 Damien McGARRY
 Jason ALCHIN
 Darren BROWN
 Stephen KEARNEY
 Paul LANGMACK (c)
 Kyle WHITE
 Jim SERDARIS
 Neil TIERNEY
 Scott HARDY
 Brent STUART
 Jason EADE
 Chris WILLIAMS



Tries

Chris LYONS (2)
 Chris RYAN
 Danny MOORE
 Steve MENZIES
 Terry HILL
 Craig HANCOCK
 Daniel GARTNER
 Scott FULTON
 Jack ELSEGOOD
 Matt DUNFORD

Darren WILLIS
 Damien McGARRY

Goals

Matthew RIDGE (11)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: I Toga, B Hughes, S Georgallis, D Willis; five-eighth: D McGarry; half: J Alchin; forwards: D Brown, P Langmack (c), S Kearney, K White, J Serdaris, N Tierney

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: M Ridge (c); three-quarters: C Hancock, D Moore, C Ryan, J Elsegood; five-eighth: T Hill; half: C Lyons; forwards: O Cunningham, I Roberts, D Gartner, M Carroll, S Fulton, D Gillespie **Referee: W Harrigan (Big League 26th March 1994)**

Mercurial half back Cliff Lyons built the foundations for Manly's biggest ever win at Brookvale Oval yesterday. The Sea Eagles thrashed former competition leaders Western Suburbs 66-8, piling on 11 tries and as many goals in one of their best displays of modern times. The scoreline was also the Magpies heaviest defeat since 1910 and Manly's biggest since their 70-7 rout of Penrith in 1973. For Wests' coach Warren Ryan it was also his worst loss in an illustrious career. The fabulous display by Lyons was the talk of the peninsula and was later rated by coach Bob Fulton as his finest since the 1987 Grand Final when he collected the Clive Churchill medal for his brilliant exploits against Canberra. He scored two tries and had a hand in at least seven others against a team that must have been guessing six or seven times every time he touched the football. Ironically, the Manly camp is still awaiting the return from injury of captain and half back Geoff Toovey. But with Lyons wearing the number 7 jumper, they haven't a worry in the world. He formed a smooth combination with Terry Hill at five-eighth yesterday, and set the Manly back line alight with his runarounds, delayed passes, deft kicking and support play. ...The Lyons-Hill partnership shot the Magpies out of the sky. Both players were rarely tackled in possession and virtually did as they pleased with an eager three-quarter line beckoning outside. But Wests' defence was atrocious as Manly's flair and imagination in attack was exquisite. The match was virtually all over at the 20-minute mark when the Eagles led 20-0. "We have been playing tremendous football in the second half of our games and it was imperative today that we got our act together in the first," said Fulton. "We had to dominate possession to beat Wests and we did that with pleasing results." Wests' coach Warren Ryan said later his team was outclassed and made to look third rate. "The players all picked the same time to play poorly and Manly played very well," he said. "I can't remember coaching any team beaten by a 60 plus scoreline; there was nothing good out there today from a Wests' point of view. (The Daily Telegraph Mirror 27th March 1994)

Notes: There were no excuses for this thrashing; the worst defeat for Wests since 1910. They were down 20-0 after 20 minutes and continued to be carved apart by Terry Hill and Cliff Lyons. Lyons had one of his best ever games.