



1993 Round 7 Sunday 25th April Campbelltown Stadium



Manly-Warringah 11

def.

Western Suburbs 4

Matthew RIDGE **Fullback**
 Craig HANCOCK **Wing**
 Chris RYAN **Centre**
 Danny MOORE **Centre**
 Jack ELSEGOOD **Wing**
 Cliff LYONS **Five-eighth**
 Geoff TOOVEY (c) **Half**
 Owen CUNNINGHAM **Lock**
 Tony IRO **Second Row**
 John JONES **Second Row**
 Ian ROBERTS **Front Row**
 David O'DONNELL **Hooker**
 David ALEXANDER **Front Row**
 Des HASLER **Replacement**
 David HOSKING **Replacement**
 Nik KOSEF **Replacement**

Andrew LEEDS
 Wayne SIMONDS
 Brad HUGHES
 Darren WILLIS
 David ANDERSON
 Steve GEORGALLIS
 Jason TAYLOR
 Jason LIDDEN
 Stephen KEARNEY
 David GILLESPIE (c)
 Kyle WHITE
 Joe THOMAS
 Matt RYAN
 Darrien DOHERTY
 Glenn GRIEF



Tries Chris RYAN
 Craig HANCOCK

Goals Matthew RIDGE (2) One field goal Jason TAYLOR (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: W Simonds, B Hughes, D Willis, D Anderson; five-eighth: S Georgallis; half: J Taylor; forwards: J Lidden, S Kearney, D Gillespie (c), K White, J Thomas, M Ryan

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: M Ridge; three-quarters: C Hancock, C Ryan, D Moore, J Elsegood; five-eighth: C Lyons; half: G Toovey (c); forwards: O Cunningham, T Iro, J Jones, I Roberts, D O'Donnell, D Alexander **Referee: T Kelly (Daily Telegraph 26th April 1993)**

Western Suburbs' coach Warren Ryan could be in hot water with the NSW Rugby League after having his say to referee Tony Kelly when his side gallantly lost 11-4 to Manly at Campbelltown yesterday. A fired-up Ryan, annoyed with some of Kelly's interpretations, had words with the referee as the two walked down the tunnel at the end of the game. Kelly said Ryan would be the subject of a report to the League but declined to say what Ryan had said "as it could be the subject of an official inquiry." Kelly also confirmed that Wests' replacement forward Darrien Doherty would be reported for a possible dangerous tackle. Doherty appeared to release a Manly player from a height on to his back, and the consensus from both camps was that the tackle was legal. Kelly's controversial performance was at odds with the high and entertaining standard of play. ... The large Magpie crowd of 12,062 certainly let Kelly know of his indiscretions, and for the first time in memory actually gave the losing team a rousing standing ovation. They were heartened by the Magpies near-faultless defensive commitment, even though they are now equal last on the premiership ladder after six consecutive losses. Manly coach Bob Fulton said he would have been happy with a draw, and until the last five minutes of the match, when the Sea Eagles caught Wests short on the left side of the field, a 4-4 result seemed appropriate and inevitable. Centre Chris Ryan gave his team the two premiership points by linking up on the end of a back-line move. But even in that manoeuvre Kelly was involved, seeming to impede the Magpie fullback Andrew Leeds as he dived to tackle Ryan. A field goal to Matthew Ridge in the final minute cemented the match for Manly. Ridge earlier kicked one but missed two attempts at goal. "That was our hardest game this year," Fulton said. "Wests were super-desperate and it's a credit to their team that they nearly got out of it with a point. They came up with a first-class performance." Fulton said his players had made more breaks but scrambled just as effectively as Wests. Leeds was the most valuable and best player on the field. Ryan described him as "magnificent ... I wouldn't swap him for any player," while Fulton asked: "Why on earth did Penrith release him last year?" Leeds pulled off three desperation try-saving tackles, and leaped head and shoulders above everyone to take bombs. Leeds' fail-safe steady play, in addition to the defensive impact of lock Jason Lidden, the enthusiasm of wingers Wayne Simonds and David Anderson, and the ever-present threat by halfback Jason Taylor, have given Wests new hope for the rest of the season. Even Ryan, normally realistic and pragmatic, has not written his team off for the semi-finals, based on yesterday's performance. Fulton had praise for representative hopeful Ian Roberts, but it was halfback Geoff Toovey, linking up with his backline, who posed the biggest threat all afternoon. Centre Chris Ryan, and particularly his partner Danny Moore, were difficult to handle and frequently drew three and four Magpie tacklers. Des Hasler came on in the second half after Cliff Lyons was knocked unconscious for a brief time, and he immediately added verve and class to the Manly attack. **(Sydney Morning Herald 26th April 1993)**

Notes: In a very high standard game, Wests put up their best defensive effort of the season. Kyle White's return was a factor but lock Jason Lidden was bruising. Even rival coach Bob Fulton thought a draw would have been a just result. Warren Ryan was reported by the referee after the game for strong comments made to him in the tunnel but Ryan was seemingly only echoing the thoughts of most spectators at the ground.