



1979 Round 9 Sunday 20th May Brookvale Oval



Western Suburbs 17

def.

Manly-Warringah 10



Wayne SMITH
 Buddy CAIN
 Mark BEAVEN
 John DORAHY
 Warren BOLAND
 Don MOSELEY
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Graeme O'GRADY
 Les BOYD
 Bob COOPER
 John DONNELLY
 Ray BROWN
 Bruce GIBBS

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

Graham EADIE
 Simon BOOTH
 Russell GARTNER
 Alan THOMPSON
 Tom MOONEY
 Martin MEREDITH
 Steve MARTIN
 Paul VAUTIN
 Bruce WALKER
 Stephen KNIGHT
 Terry RANDALL
 Max KRILICH (c)
 Ian THOMSON
 Wayne SPRINGALL

Tries Warren BOLAND (2)
 Don MOSELEY

Ian THOMSON
 Steve MARTIN

Goals John DORAHY (4)

Graham EADIE (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: E Cain, M Beavan, J Dorahy, W Boland; five-eighth: D Moseley; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: G O'Grady, L Boyd, R Cooper, J Donnelly, R Brown, B Gibbs

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: G Eadie; three-quarters: S Booth, R Gartner, A Thompson, T Mooney; five-eighth: M Meredith; half: S Martin; forwards: P Vautin, B Walker, S Knight, T Randall, M Krilich (c), I Thomson **Referee: J Danzey (Rugby League Week 27th May 1979)**

Manly Rugby League secretary Ken Arthurson yesterday conceded defeat in the club's drive to retain its premiership. "Being realistic, I have to say we are out of it now," Mr Arthurson said, after Manly went down 17-10 to Western Suburbs in a brawling, spiteful clash at Brookvale Oval. "It would take a super-human effort to make the semi-finals from here," he said. Yesterday's loss leaves Manly lamenting on seven competition points – five points behind the four teams in equal third spot and facing matches against Cronulla and Canterbury in the next fortnight. Manly's last-ditch stand to push for the semi-finals really went West yesterday, lost in a cloud of dust from brawling and fighting in one of the fieriest game of the season. The pressure was on from the start as Wests, who were also fighting to re-establish themselves as a premiership force, took the game to Manly in vigorous fashion. It was no-holds-barred until the inevitable happened in the 16th minute and there was a violent all-in brawl involving a dozen players. The eruption came after Manly hooker Max Krilich was flattened from behind by a Wests' player while trying to placate players in a minor scuffle. After the brawling, referee Jack Danzey sent off Wests' prop John Donnelly and Manly second-rower Steve Knight on charges of punching. Both camps claimed to be upset by the brawling. "I've never been flattened so many times in a match," claimed Krilich. "We didn't want to brawl – it was the last thing we wanted. But players rushed in to help me when I was knocked down." Wests' coach Roy Masters claimed that the brawling was "unfortunate" but there is no doubting its proven value to Wests against Manly. It's becoming an accepted tactic for fighting to supersede football when the teams clash. There were brawls last year in an exhibition game in Victoria and in the first premiership match. Ironically, Wests proved there was no need for them to indulge in the rough play by scoring two spectacular tries yesterday. It was magic and mayhem from Wests as, after the brawl was over, they scored two length-of-the-field tries in which eight players handled. The ball flew among the Wests' players in bewildering fashion, as they passed and backed up in classic style. The first of the tries, in the 25th minute, was scored by winger Warren Boland, giving Wests a 7-3 lead, they held until half-time. The second try – this time by five-eighth Don Moseley – came in the 50th minute to put Wests ahead 12-3. They looked to have the match sewn up but a heavy penalty count of 9-2 in the second half (16-7 overall) brought Manly back into the game. Wests, with no ball, tackled themselves to a standstill but couldn't prevent Manly from fighting back to trail only 12-10 with 12 minutes of an exciting second half to go. Wests finally clinched the match with a second try from Boland after good lead-up work from second-rowers Ray Brown and Les Boyd. **(Daily Telegraph 21st May 1979)**

Notes: Wests and Manly resumed their ongoing feud with an early all-in brawl involving all 26 players. When the dust finally settled Stephen Knight and John Donnelly were sent off. After that, Wests played some brilliant open football, with Les Boyd's dashing running causing havoc. Both of the Boland and Moseley tries were brilliant long-range efforts. Wests looked to run away with the match but a heavy 9-2 penalty count against them in the second half meant they had to do a lot of last-ditch tackling.