



# 1985 Round 15 Sunday 16th June Brookvale Oval



**Manly-Warringah 42**

**def.**

**Western Suburbs 18**

Marty GURR  
 Phil BLAKE  
 Darren RODGERS  
 Dale SHEARER  
 Stuart DAVIS  
 Tony MELROSE  
 Des HASLER  
 Glenn RYAN (c)  
 Noel CLEAL  
 Mark POCOCK  
 Richie POULSEN  
 Ray BROWN  
 Phil DALEY  
 Mal COCHRANE  
 Andy GOODWAY  
 Larry MCMILLAN  
 Matthew LOFT

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

Leo EPIFANIA  
 John McARTHUR  
 Brett GALE  
 Gerald CELARC  
 Peter WORTH  
 Trevor COGGER  
 Michael NEIL  
 Geoff SUTTON  
 Craig CLARKE  
 Lee CROOKS  
 Terry LEABEATER (c)  
 Alan FALLAH  
 Bruce CLARK  
 Garry WEBSTER  
 Mark HARRIGAN  
 Greg BROWN  
 Mark KEEHAN



**Tries**  
 Noel CLEAL (2)  
 Phil BLAKE (2)  
 Stuart DAVIS (2)  
 Tony MELROSE  
 Marty GURR

Peter WORTH  
 Trevor COGGER  
 Michael NEIL

**Goals**  
 Tony MELROSE (5)

Lee CROOKS (3)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: L Epifania; three-quarters: J McArthur, B Gale, G Celarc, P Worth; five-eighth: T Cogger; half: M Neil; forwards: G Sutton, C Clarke, L Crooks, T Leabeater (c), A Fallah, B Clark

**Manly-Warringah:** Full-back: M Gurr; three-quarters: P Blake, D Rodgers, D Shearer, S Davis; five-eighth: T Melrose; half: D Hasler; forwards: G Ryan (c), N Cleal, M Pocock, R Poulsen, R Brown, P Daley **Referee: J Gocher (The Daily Mirror 17th June 1985)**

Noel Cleal and Des Hasler celebrated their selections in the Australia team to tour New Zealand with sparkling performances at Brookvale Oval yesterday as Manly trounced Western Suburbs 42-18 and bounced back into the top five. Cleal and Hasler, who leave with the Australian team on Friday and will miss the Sea Eagles' next two premierships matches, had a parting gift for the club yesterday as they spearheaded Manly to its first win in a month. Cleal, moved from the centres to the second-row in the absence of forwards Paul Vautin and Paul McCabe, devastated the Magpies with a series of rampaging runs. And his two tries, scored just before and after half-time, killed off Wests' early resistance. Half-back Hasler, described later as 'sensational' by coach Bob Fulton, shrugged off a heavy knock to be at the centre of most of the Sea Eagles' attacks. He suffered a nasty head cut in the 30th minute which required eight stitches after the game. But the jack-in-the-box half made light of the injury to terrorise the Wests' defence, before Fulton replaced him and Cleal 14 minutes from the end. "We played today like we did before we lost our representative players," a relieved Fulton said. "But it will be different next week with those players out and we will just have to re-group." ... Despite the convincing score-line, Manly made a slow start to the match. Both teams had trouble controlling possession and Wests opened the scoring in the 11th minute when five-eighth Trevor Cogger scored under the posts for Lee Crooks to convert. Winger Stuart Davis had the Sea Eagles back on level terms midway through the first half when he fielded a kick deep inside his own territory and cut a swathe through the Wests' defence to score. Phil Blake scored the first of his two tries in the 35th minute to give Manly the lead and Cleal stepped his way past five would-be defenders three minutes later to send the Sea Eagles to the break with a 10-point advantage. Just after the interval Cleal bullocked through the Wests' defence to give his team a match-winning 20-6 lead. .... Gentle said the late withdrawal of lock Allan Geelan and centre Wayne Wigham were also major blows to the Magpies. Wests also missed the services of their best player half-back Michael Neil late in the first half when referee John Gocher sent him to the sinbin for 10 minutes for a professional foul. **(Daily Telegraph 17th June 1985)**

**Notes:** Wests (Trevor Cogger) scored the first try but after that they were never in the match as Des Hasler and Noel Cleal, about to tour New Zealand, tore them apart. Peter Worth played well, scoring a nice try. Michael Neil's stint in the sin-bin was costly as Manly scored two tries. Coach Ken Gentle warned that there would be wholesale team changes to come.