



1964 Round 2 Saturday 11th April Pratten Park



Manly-Warringah 31

def.

Western Suburbs 14

Bob BATTY
 Brian ALLSOP
 Alec TENNANT
 Fred PICKUP (c)
 Nick YAKICH
 Bob CAMERON
 Garry TOOLE
 Barry O'CONNELL
 Jack SINCLAIR
 Malcolm CONDON
 Bill DELAMERE
 Jack BUTTERFIELD
 Doug WALKADEN

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

Ken BRAY
 John MOWBRAY
 Gil MacDOUGALL
 Rob McGUINNESS
 Denis LAVERTY
 Roger BUTTENSHAW
 Don MALONE
 Jim CODY
 Don HALL
 John HAYES
 Bob McLAUGHLIN
 Ken OWENS
 Noel KELLY (c)



Tries Brian ALLSOP (2)
 Nick YAKICH (2)
 Bob BATTY
 Bob CAMERON
 Fred PICKUP

John MOWBRAY (2)

Goals Barry O'CONNELL (5)

Ken BRAY (4)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Batty; three-quarters: B Allsop, A Tennant, F Pickup (c), N Yakich; five-eighth: R Cameron; half: G Toole; forwards: B O'Connell, J Sinclair, M Condon, W Delamere, J Butterfield, D Walkaden

Western Suburbs: Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: J Mowbray, R McGuinness, G MacDougall, D Laverty; five-eighth: R Buttenshaw; half: D Malone; forwards: J Cody, J Hayes, D Hall, R McLaughlin, K Owens, N Kelly (c) **Referee: G Kellahan (The Sun 11th April 1964)**

Angry fans attacked the referee, pelting him with beer cans and fruit, after a sensational Rugby League match at Pratten Park. One spectator tried to punch the referee, G Kellahan, on the face as he left the field. Kellahan had his head cut open by one of the cans and was treated by ambulance-men. Police had to disperse an angry crowd which was milling around the referee's room for more than 10 minutes after the match. The incident occurred after Manly had caused an upset, beating Western Suburbs 31-14. Late in the game, Noel Kelly, the international and Western Suburbs front-row forward, and Gil MacDougall, the centre, were ordered off. Manly was never headed. It received a penalty from the kick-off and Barry O'Connell, the lock, made it 2-0 after a minutes' play. A few minutes later Bob Cameron, the Manly five-eighth, dived on to a loose ball for a try which O'Connell converted. Manly went on its winning way, leading 20-7 at half-time. Fred Pickup, Manly's English centre, did not return to the field after half-time. In the first half, Pickup had figured prominently in many Manly scoring movements and scored a try. Pickup aggravated a hamstring muscle injury and it is doubtful if he will be fit to play next week. First sign of trouble came late in the second half when Nick Yakich scooped up the ball after a tackle and dashed 50 yards to score. The crowd, thinking a scrum should have been ordered, abused the referee, as Wests' players disputed the try. Play deteriorated into a rough-house, with punches coming thick and fast from both sides. Then, a few moments later, Noel Kelly and Gil MacDougall were sent off. It is alleged they spoke back to the referee. **(Sunday Mirror 12th April 1964)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday lost its first match at Pratten Park – its home ground – in four years. Manly-Warringah defeated West 31-14 in a match which provided many incidents and, at times, brilliant football. Just on half-time winger Brian Allsop scored for Manly after Ron Cameron had made the opening. Winger Nick Yakich scored two tries in the second half. Yakich's first try came when he picked up the loose ball and ran 50 yards to score. Wests' supporters disputed his second try. They claimed Yakich knocked-on when he moved infield to take a pass. Soon afterwards Kangaroo prop Noel Kelly and centre Gil MacDougall were sent off. Referee Kellahan later charged that they had used abusive language to him. Ron Cameron was the pivot for Manly success. Wests had a bad day. The team never recovered from the set-back at the kick-off. Wests made strenuous efforts to make up the leeway in the second half, but the side became disorganised, players frequently being involved in scrimmages instead of playing football. **(Sunday Telegraph 12th April 1964)**

Notes: This was a very controversial match and the Pratten Park crowd continually abused the referee, who was assaulted after the match by a spectator. Arthur Summons and Peter Dimond both failed fitness tests and were replaced by Roger Buttenshaw and Denis Laverty respectively. Wests never seemed to be able to get into the match and when Noel Kelly and Gil MacDougall were both sent off late in the match for abusing the referee, the game was already lost. It had been a match of fiery exchanges with John Hayes being right in the thick of all the action.