



1986 Round 20 Sunday 20th July Brookvale Oval



Western Suburbs 22

def.

Manly-Warringah 20

Rod PETHYBRIDGE
 Allen GEELAN
 Trevor COGGER
 Ian NADEN
 Des DRUMMOND
 Brett CLARK
 Craig NEIL
 Ian SCHUBERT (c)
 John ELIAS
 John BILBIJA
 Lee CROOKS
 Alan FALLAH
 Garry WEBSTER
 Wilfred WILLIAMS
 Craig ELLIS
 Greg FALKNER
 Mark HARRIGAN

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

Marty GURR
 David RONSON
 Chris CLOSE
 Dale SHEARER
 Stuart DAVIS
 Phil BLAKE
 Des HASLER
 Cliff LYONS
 Noel CLEAL (c)
 Ron GIBBS
 Richie POULSEN
 Mal COCHRANE
 Phil DALEY
 Owen CUNNINGHAM
 Larry MCMILLAN

Tries

Rod PETHYBRIDGE
 Des DRUMMOND
 Trevor COGGER
 John ELIAS

Mal COCHRANE
 Phil BLAKE
 Marty GURR

Goals

Ian SCHUBERT (3)

Mal COCHRANE (4)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: M Gurr; three-quarters: D Ronson, C Close, D Shearer, S Davis; five-eighth: P Blake; half: D Hasler; forwards: C Lyons, N Cleal (c), R Gibbs, R Poulsen, M Cochrane, P Daley

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Pethybridge; three-quarters: A Geelan, T Cogger, I Naden, D Drummond; five-eighth: B Clark; half: C Neil; forwards: I Schubert (c), J Bilbija, J Elias, L Crooks, A Fallah, G Webster **Referee: G O'Donnell (Daily Mirror 21st July 1986)**

The Manly-Warringah club has lodged an official protest to the NSW Rugby League after being disallowed a match-winning "try" after the final whistle against Western Suburbs at Brookvale Oval yesterday. After the full-time hooter sounded, Manly five-eighth Phil Blake put up a bomb which Wests' fullback Rod Pethybridge fumbled, in the in-goal area. Manly winger Stuart Davis dived on the loose ball. The jubilant Manly players searched for referee Giles O'Donnell to signal the try, but he was already heading for the dressing-shed. The game ended in a 22-20 win for Wests. "...The protest appears doomed to failure because referee's coordinator Dennis Braybrook, who was at the game, said the referee was totally correct. The refereeing controversy stole the limelight from a great team performance by Wests, who deserved their victory. Wests have now defeated Manly, the joint competition leaders, twice this season, having scored a 3-20 win in the first round at Lidcombe Oval. Magpies' coach Steve Ghosn described the win as the highlight of a topsy-turvy season for him. "Without a doubt it was our best performance of the season," Ghosn said. "It was an away game and we put up back-to-back performances after going down narrowly to Parramatta last week. We're happy." Ghosn singled out centre Ian Naden, prop Gary Webster and second-rower John Elias for special mention and said: "They just come readily to mind for what they did in the second half, but it was a real team effort. .. For us to win, everyone has to play well and they did today." Naden and Pethybridge had outstanding games and on today's performances were match-winners in their own rights. As Wests piled on three tries in the first half, Pethybridge was unstoppable, scoring one try after dashing 45 metres downfield and making ground every time he handled the ball. The Manly supporters gave an ironic cheer midway through the second half when Pethybridge was brought down before he could make a break. Naden combined a superb kicking game with robust defence (28 tackles) and was always dangerous out wide. Wests opened the scoring after only four minutes when centre Trevor Cogger out-leapt the Manly defence to gather a bomb from halfback Craig Neil. Pethybridge then scored his try in the 19th minute and John Elias walked through some pathetic Manly defence five minutes from half-time to set up the 18-2 lead. Wests' secretary Rick Wayde said the club was negotiating the move to Campbelltown and a meeting of their Junior League tomorrow night should iron out the few remaining hurdles. He said the club was now likely to submit two applications for entry into next year's competition – one concentrating on the Campbelltown move, and the other on retaining the status quo at Lidcombe. **(Sydney Morning Herald 21st July 1986)**

Notes: In one of their best performances of the season, Wests caused a huge upset at Brookvale Oval. Rod Pethybridge was unstoppable at full-back in attack while Ian Naden (28 tackles) and Ian Schubert tackled themselves to a standstill. The match ended in controversy with the referee ruling full-time against the howls of Manly players and supporters, but, remarkably, the referee was correct in ruling in Wests' favour.