1973 Round 20 Sunday 5th August Brookvale Oval

Manly-Warringah 25 def. Western Suburbs 13

Graham EADIE	***Fullback***	Tony FORD
Max BROWN	***Wing***	Stephen SATTERLY
Ray BRANIGHAN	***Centre***	Stephen KNIGHT
Alan THOMSON	***Centre***	Terry MULLINS
Rod JACKSON	***Wing***	Russell MULLINS
Ian MARTIN	***Five-eighth***	John HEYWARD
John MAYES	***Half***	Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
Terry RANDALL	***Lock***	John BAKER
John BUCKNALL	***Second Row***	Geoff FOSTER
Warren EVANS	***Second Row***	Barry BRYANT
Peter PETERS	***Front Row***	John O'BRYAN
Fred JONES (c)	***Hooker***	Shane DAY
Bill HAMILTON	***Front Row***	Jim MURPHY
John O'NEILL	***Replacement***	Brian ISBESTER
John BARBER	***Replacement***	Nick MOROKO
Tries Ian MARTIN (2)		John O'BRYAN
Peter PETERS (2)		Russell MULLINS
Max BROWN		John HEYWARD
Go*als* Graham EADIE (4)		Stephen SATTERLY (2)
Ray BRANIGHAN (1)		

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: G Eadie; three-quarters: R Jackson, R Branighan, A Thomson, M Brown; five-eighth: I Martin; half: J Mayes; forwards: T Randall, W Evans, J Bucknall, P Peters, F Jones (c), W Hamilton

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: S Satterly, S Knight, T Mullins, R Mullins; five-eighth: J Heyward; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: J Baker, B Bryant, G Foster, J O'Bryan, S Day, J Murphy **Referee: D McDonald (Rugby League Week 5th August 1973)**

Manly's State prop Bill Hamilton has a slipped disc and is in serious doubt for Saturday's match-of-the-day against Cronulla at the SCG. Hamilton lay on the rubbing down table for more than 30 minutes after the game against Wests at Brookvale Oval and was unable to move. He will visit a masseur later today for manipulation. "At this stage. I feel I'm certain to be out, but it's only early in the week, and I will make every effort to play against Cronulla," Hamilton said. While Manly have a worry about the big prop, they are also concerned with the fitness of State second-rower, John Bucknall. Bucknall came off at half-time in yesterday's 25-13 win against Wests with a possible broken hand. His worst fears were realised when x-rays today showed a break, ruling Bucknall out at least until the semis. Despite the absence of Bob Fulton and Mal Reilly, the Sea Eagles never looked like losing yesterday in their five try to three win over a gutsy Wests' side. Manly led 12-3 at the break after a keenly contested forward struggle. John O'Neill made his comeback to first grade in the second half and caused the Magpies plenty of bother with his up-the-centre charges. Once he gets back into top match condition, the big front-rower will certainly wrap up his Kangaroo touring spot. Half-back Johnny Mayes stole the honours in his clash with Tommy Raudonikis and must surely be in line for representative honours. Ray Branighan was another to impress selector Sid Ryan. Branighan made a lot of breaks and set up his outside supports well. Prop Jim Murphy was easily Wests' best player and did a lot of good work in attack**. (The Sun 6th August 1973)**

Western Suburbs battled gamely against Manly at Brookvale Oval yesterday before going down 25-13. The premiers failed to reproduce the enterprise which saw them annihilate Penrith 70-7 last week. The result was never in doubt but Wests gave a spirited showing all the way. John Mayes had another strong game for Manly, backing up intelligently and defending tirelessly. Prop Peter Peters, who scored two tries, also played well, while full-back Graham Eadie never put a foot wrong. Prop Jim Murphy was the best for Wests. Manly sealed the match seven minutes from the end when Mayes off-loaded brilliantly for Ian Martin to score wide out. Right on the siren, Ray Branighan, deputizing for the injured Eadie, kicked a penalty. **(Daily Telegraph 6th August 1973)**

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Notes: *Tom Raudonikis was backing up from the Saturday NSW game and was outplayed by Johnny Mayes. John Heyward was back to five-eighth with Neville Sinclair out. Wests played with plenty of spirit, with Jim Murphy having his best game since being back from injury, and Wests were only down 18-13 with seven minutes to go, but the depth of Manly always had Wests on the back foot.*