

2009 WABL & SBL FINALS WEEKEND



August 8th & 9th



Sutherland Basketball Stadium

Waratah ABL Men

Semi Final – Manly Warringah Sea Eagles v Norths Bears

In the first of the Waratah Men semis, the Sea Eagles got off to a great start behind star guard Ben Arkell and forward Duane Jordan. Norths struggled on the offensive end, thanks in large part to the great defense of Manly. At the first break it was the Eagles by 11.

Manly 26 – 15

Manly continued their momentum from the first quarter, getting the lead out to a 17 point advantage. Just when the game looked like blowing out, the Bears went on a match saving 13 – 2 run, getting back to within 4. But a couple of Arkell bombs put an end to that and at the main change it was the Eagles still in command by 9.

Manly 47 – 38

Manly continued to keep the fighting Bears at bay, thanks in large part again to Arkell and Jordan. Heading into the last change it was Manly by 9 still.

Manly 63 – 54

With their season on the line the Bears turned up the intensity and opened up the quarter with a 14 – 5 run and bringing the scores back level to 68 all. Guard James MacCann was outstanding and along with captain Luke Brennan the Bears led with 1 with 6 seconds to go. But a Kevin White drive and dish to Jordan sealed the game. In a heart stopper the Sea Eagles won by a point.

Manly 80 – 79