



2009 WABL & SBL FINALS WEEKEND

August 8th & 9th

Sutherland Basketball Stadium



GAME REPORT # 1115

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Manly Warringah v Sydney Comets

This game was a real crowd pleaser a spectators delight. The game started tight and ended the same way. Both teams traded blows in the first quarter with Jaime Cohen from the comets leading the way. The sea eagles stayed in touch to lead at the end of the first break 14 – 13.

The second quarter was a mirror image of the first with both teams going basket for basket. The Sea Eagles were having trouble containing Cohen and Te Hira whilst at the other end the comets were struggling to get out on the perimeter shooters. The comets went to a zone to try and contain the outside onslaught by Manly's Bianca Penning and Rachel Bilton. Neither team could break the chains and at the end of the major break the comets had regained the lead 28-27.

The third quarter saw manly edge away from the comets taking the lead back and going on a 7 nil run forcing the comets into a time out. The comets regrouped staying in their zone forcing the Sea Eagles into unforced errors staying in touch. With 23.43 seconds to go in the third the comets went to the charity stripe making both free throws giving them the lead by 1 full court pressure was applied and the Sea Eagles turned the ball over making a fitting setting for the final quarter.

The last quarter was exciting and full of passion with heavy and physical contact occurring at both ends of the floor. The comets zone continued to cause problems for Manly. The Sea Eagles continued to push the ball in transition which was a handful for the comets defence. With a minute to go the game was all tied up Manly made a basket with 15 seconds to go giving them a 1 point lead and the comets with the last possession. The ball was in the comets play makers hand and with 5 seconds to go Cohen penetrated into the key way losing the ball and giving the Sea Eagles a 1 point victory 53 -52.

Final Score:

MANLY WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES 53 (27) dft SYDNEY COMETS 52(28)