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To whom it may concern

This mans blatant thuggery finally catching up to him



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finals shot

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BROOKVALE, Newcastle, Brisbane or Wollongong.

They are the four finals destinations looming on Manly's radar heading into the NRL's final round shootout this weekend.

The peninsula side can take all the heat out of the race for the top four with victory over Melbourne at Olympic Park on Saturday.

That would secure them third spot and a first-ever home final at Brookvale Oval on September 9.

A loss to the Storm, however, could see the Sea Eagles slide as low as sixth and open up the door for the three teams below them - Newcastle, Brisbane and St George Illawarra.

Newcastle has the bye, Brisbane host the Warriors and the Dragons take on the struggling Roosters at the SCG.

If Manly finish out of the top four, they will be forced to hit the road for an out-of-Sydney assignment in week one of the play-offs.

"There are a few teams that can catch us but hopefully things hold up and we can get that home semi," Manly hooker Michael Monaghan said.

"The job's not done but we are playing some pretty good football and winning the tight games against good opposition."

On taking on the Storm in Melbourne, Monaghan said: "It's definitely a hard trip but we shouldn't be scared ... it's a good game for us to play at this stage."

Prop Jason King revealed his deep desire

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- Manly's STEVE BELL on playing a home final at Brookvale Oval

to secure a first-ever finals match at Brookvale Oval.

"I'd really love to have a home final. As a local junior, that would be special," he said.

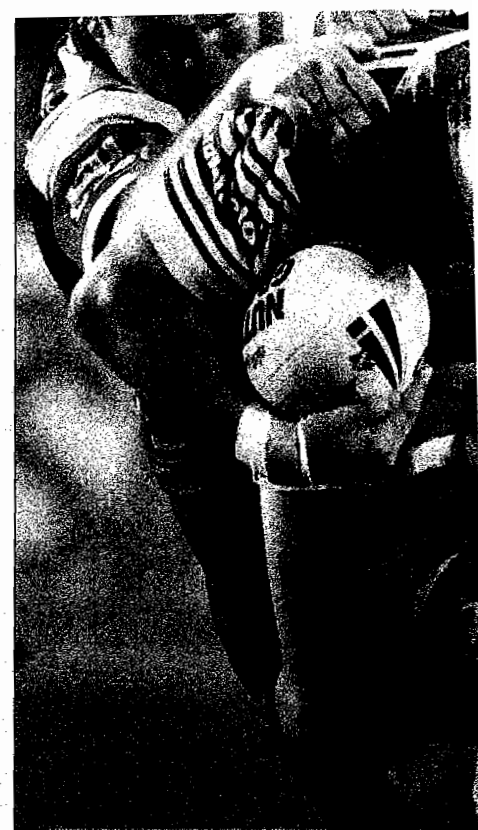
"We feed off the crowd and knowing they're behind you - and the vocal support we get - would be awesome. We are coming right at the right end of the year whereas this time last year we fell away."

Centre Steve Bell added: "I've never played a home final. We always played away at Melbourne so I know how hard it is to win with the crowd against you. It would be a massive advantage if we could play it here."

Five-eighth Travis Burns summed it up simply: "If we play well that will take care of itself. When you keep turning up each week and not letting your mates down things happen for you."

After his side edged out the Bulldogs 21-20 in front of 20,163 fans at Brookvale on Friday night, Manly coach Des Hasler spoke of the ground's importance.

"We've had 40,000 people through here in the last six days, and the players want to give the supporters a massive wrap," he said. "Over the last two years, players and supporters have made Brookie Oval strong again."



SCENARIO 1: Manly beat Melbourne
OUTCOME: Sea Eagles finish third or Eels in week one of finals

SCENARIO 2: Melbourne beat Manly
OUTCOME: It would then come down to possibly slipping as low as sixth or St George Illawarra or Newcastle

SCENARIO 3: Melbourne beat Manly
OUTCOME: Sea Eagles finish fourth

Narrabeen's plan: 'We've just got to bash'

GRAND FINAL RUGBY LEAGUE

Preliminary final

Narrabeen	14
Narraweena	10

JASON AVEDISSIAN

SHARKS captain Shane Bullock has a very simple agenda for the grand final against minor premiers Valley United after leading his team to their first decider in 17 years.

"We've just got to bash them," he said, after his team tipped out Narraweena in Sunday's final at Brookvale Oval.

"If we play physical, like we proved in the second half (against

Narraweena), then I think we can bash any team.

"That's what we've got to do to Valley, play smart and hit them hard."

Easier said than done.

Valley have beaten Narrabeen in both their encounters this season and marched into the 2006 Grand Final with a 40-6 major semi-final thrashing of the Hawks last week.

"They are going to have to play extremely well and hope Valley are having a bad day," Narraweena coach Craig Elmas said.

"Valley are a very good side, but, it's a grand final ... anything can happen.

"Narrabeen are there and I wish them the best of luck."

Fortune played no part in the preliminary final, with



Narrabeen celebrate after defeating Narraweena at Brookvale on Sunday.

Picture: SL

Narrabeen overcoming a 10-2 first-half deficit to reach their first grand final since 1989.

A superb try to Bullock in the 29th minute got Narrabeen back in the match.

The skipper showed a turn of pace, racing 60m after running on to a swerve from lock, and good frier Balkin.

"It was like the old day"

Bullock in trouble

on swansong eve

Result of my attack on daily - but they punished me later - read on

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ASON AVEDISSIAN

NARRABEEN captain Shane Bullock is devastated at the prospect of being suspended from Sunday's Manlyarringah A Grade grand final because of comments he made this week's *Manly Daily*.

Bullock will face a committee night and could face a cenary conduct charge for saying the Sharks must "bash" Valley if they want to win the grand final at Brookvale Oval. Bulldogs lock Reni Maitua made similar comments before National Rugby League match against the Dragons earlier this month but was not reprimanded.

However, the Manlyarringah Junior Rugby League were upset by Bullock's comments, made after Narrabeen defeated Narrabeena on Sunday.

MWJRL president Peter Dwyer confirmed yesterday Bullock will face a committee night to explain himself.

But Bullock last night said the comments were taken out of context.

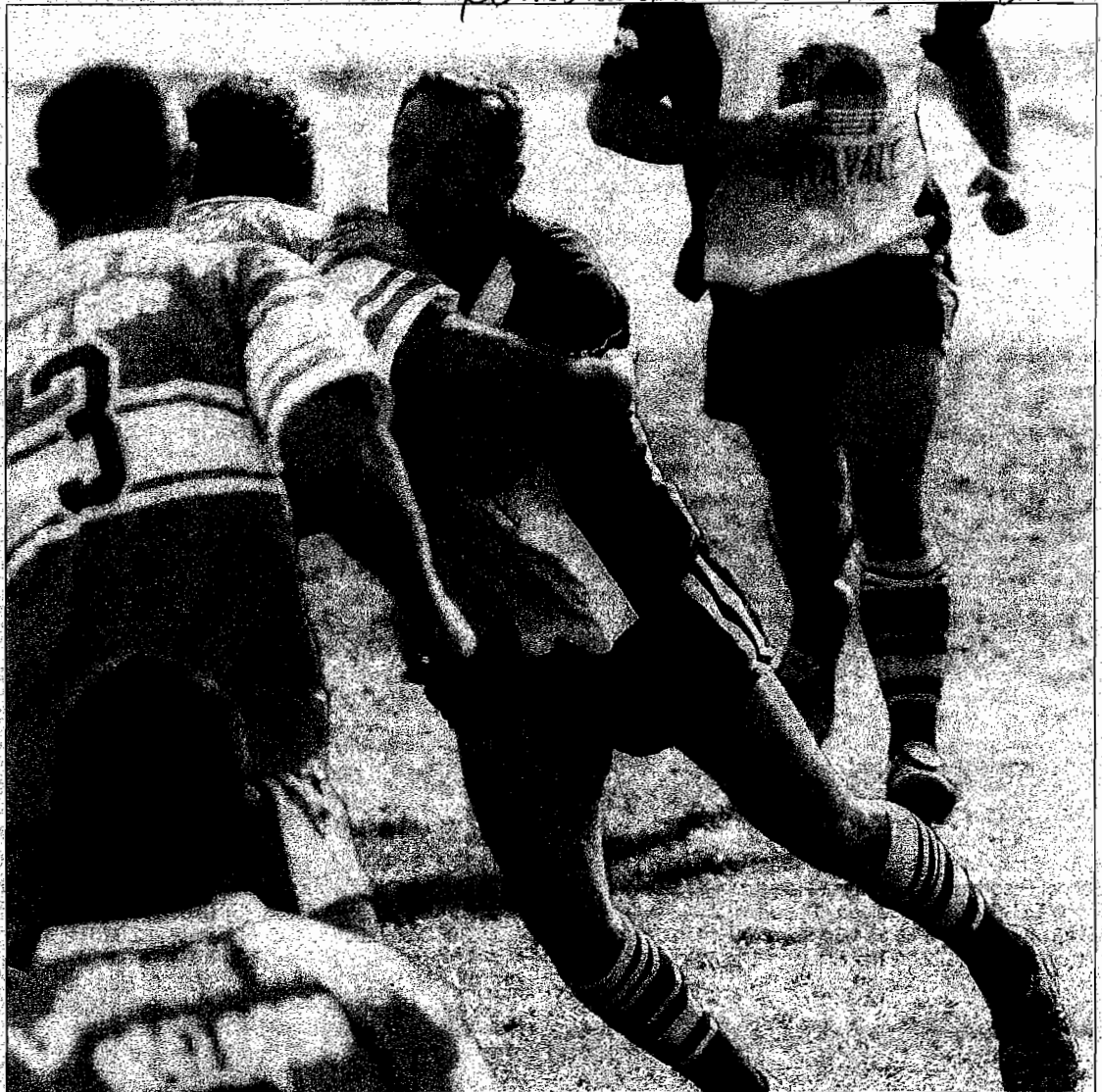
"I meant that we are going to have to go out there and play hard," he said. "I didn't mean anything other than that."

O'Dwyer said the MWJRL has a strict code of conduct to adhere to.

"I was disappointed with the comments," he said.

Bullock has been playing in the Manly junior league since 32.

At 33, this will be his last season as he steers the Sharks towards their first top grade



Narrabeen's Shane Bullock (above) in action on the field and (top left) and the comments in Tuesday's *Manly Daily*.

Main Picture: SIMON DEAN

grand final appearance since 1989.

"It would be devastating if I missed the grand final," Bullock said.

Valley coach Brent Byrne said he did not think Bullock meant the Sharks were going to come out and deliberately break the rules.

"It would be ridiculous if he

got charged and suspended," Byrne said.

Byrne said he thought Bullock's comments meant that Narrabeen would simply adopt a physical approach to the grand final.

Bullock told Tuesday's *Daily* that Narrabeen must "play physical" if they want to upset Valley United who are the over-

whelming grand final favourites.

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