



1950 Round 1 Saturday 8th April Cricket Ground



St George 25

def.

Western Suburbs 12

Doug FLEMING
Noel PIDDING
Ken McKENZIE
Doug McRITCHIE
Ron ROBERTS
Johnny HAWKE (c)
Noel HILL
George JARDINE
Noel MULLIGAN
Ross FIELDER
Jack HOLLAND
Frank FACER
R BOWER

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

Bill KEATO
Bill RANDALL
Jack WOODS
Lindsay RODDA
Jack LACKEY
Frank STANMORE
Keith HOLMAN
Peter McLEAN
Don MILTON
Vic WILLIAMS
Bill HORDER
Alan HORNER
Jack WALSH (c)



Tries

Jack HOLLAND (4)
Doug McRITCHIE
Noel PIDDING
Ron ROBERTS

Bill RANDALL
Frank STANMORE

Goals

Ken McKENZIE (1)
Noel PIDDING (1)

Bill KEATO (2)
Keith HOLMAN (1)

Match Description

St George: Full-back: D Fleming; three-quarters: N Pidding, K McKenzie, D McRitchie, R Roberts; five-eighth: J Hawke (capt); half: N Hill; forwards: G Jardine, R Fielder, N Mulligan, J Holland, F Facer, R Bower

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: W Randall, J Woods, L Rodda, J Lackey; five-eighth: F Stanmore; Half: K Holman; forwards: P McLean, D Milton, V Williams, W Horder, A Hornery, J Walsh (capt) **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 15th April 1950)**

Western Suburbs five-eighth Frank Stanmore, who suffered a jaw injury in the League match against St. George at the Cricket Ground yesterday, claimed it was caused by a stiff-arm tackle by Johnny Hawke. ... It was a rugged, but not unduly rough, game, but there were several minor incidents as well as some cases of unnecessary vigour in tackles. The game was played for the greater part at a real pace on a ground that was in amazingly good condition though very heavily grassed. ... Wests' hooker Hornery won the scrums 34 to 21 from Facer, but they were pretty rough scrums. On many occasions the ball obviously didn't go in at all. Holman (half-back) and Stanmore played well, the latter particularly so, but the men outside showed little dash or initiative. **(The Sun 9th April 1950)**

St. George and Western Suburbs Rugby League players, after a tough match at Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday, bitterly accused each other of foul play. St. George shattered a three-year-old hoodoo against West and won 25-12, after having led 11-5 at half-time. After the match, West five-eighth Frank Stanmore, who suffered a probable fractured, left cheek-bone, alleged that his international rival Johnny Hawke had caused his injury with two "stiff-arm" tackles during the first-half. Stanmore said he would have his cheek-bone X-rayed this morning. Hawke alleged that Wests' players had "spotted" him and frequently knocked him over when he did not have the ball. St. George hooker Frank Facer alleged that Wests' prop Billy Horder had repeatedly butted him in scrums. Facer's left eye was bloodshot when he left the field. During the match referee George Bishop stopped play several times to caution players for having punched at each other. After the match Stanmore said bitterly: "I had always regarded Hawke as one of my best friends in football." I'm convinced now that a man doesn't have any friends on the field." Hawke, in the dressing-room, said: 'Stanmore's charges are fantastic. He twice crashed into the hard part of my shoulder, and probably confused this with stiff-arm tackles. Before Wests' players make such charges they should stop and think about the way they treated me." I took a terrific hiding" During the match players kicked only five goals from 20 attempts. Mr. Moses said, "West goal-kicker Bill Keato complained that the varying size of the balls had worried him.' Keato is an expert goal-kick, and when he considers he is under an unfair disadvantage it is my duty to do something about it." Attendance was 25,632. West selectors were disappointed, and after the match dropped three players - winger Bill Randell, centre Lindsay Rodda, and second-rower Don Milton. The men who have replaced them for tomorrow's match against Balmain at Pratten Park are winger Jack Wall, centre Don Dines, and second-rower R. Watson. **(The Daily Telegraph 9th April 1950)**

Notes: Jack "Duck" Walsh made a decision to come out of retirement and returned as captain and played a typical barn-storming game. Even though there had been heavy rain, the ground was in good condition and a big crowd attended. It was a hard-fought, controversial game where Frank Stanmore claimed his suspected broken jaw was the result of a stiff-arm tackle and both kickers claimed there was a problem with the balls. Bill Randall's defence on debut was suspect and he was dropped for the coming Monday match along with Don Milton and Lindsay Rodda, who was also on the comeback trail.