



1949 Round 10 Monday 13th June Cricket Ground



Western Suburbs 16

def.

Parramatta 15

Bill KEATO
 Jack FITZGERALD
 Jack WOODS
 Colin MAXWELL (c)
 Richard McKELVEY
 Frank STANMORE
 Keith HOLMAN
 Peter McLEAN
 Don MILTON
 Kevin HANSEN
 Bill HORDER
 Alan HORNER
 George LOVELL

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

Col SCHOMBERG
 Bob JONES
 R GOLDEN
 Ian JOHNSTON
 Johnny SMITH
 Rolf TRUDGETT
 Jack HAYWARD
 Don REGAN
 Bruce MANN
 Bob HOBBS (c)
 George ROBERTSON
 Neville SPENCE
 Max WILSON

Tries

Jack FITZGERALD
 Frank STANMORE

Bob HOBBS
 Ian JOHNSTON
 Rolf TRUDGETT

Goals

Bill KEATO (5) One field goal

Colin SCHOMBERG (2)
 Bob HOBBS (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: R McKelvey, C Maxwell (capt), J Fitzgerald, J Woods; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: K Holman; forwards; P McLean, D Milton, K Hansen, W Horder, A Horner, G Lovell
Parramatta: Full-back: C Schomberg; three-quarters: R Jones, J Smith, R Golden, I Johnston; five-eighth: R Trudgett; half: J Hayward; forwards: D Regan, B Mann, R Hobbs, G Robertson, N Spence, M Wilson **Referee: C F Pearce (Rugby League News 6th August 1949)**

Bill Keato kicked five goals, including a field goal from 40 yards range, to clinch a thrilling 16-15 win for Western Suburbs over Parramatta at Sydney Cricket Ground. Wests played throughout the second half of its match against Parramatta with 12 men. Its captain, Kangaroo Col Maxwell, slipped four minutes before half-time, and left the field with a fractured rib. Maxwell, who missed most of the Kangaroos' matches in England because of illness and injuries, this season has suffered in turn injuries to his knee and ankle, a badly cut eye, and a fractured rib. In yesterday's match Maxwell made many brilliant runs before he was injured. After Maxwell left the field West added seven points in four minutes before half-time to lead 10-5. During the second half the lead see-sawed, each team gaining a point lead in turn, because of a goal-kicking duel between Keato and Parramatta full-back Col Schomberg. Keato kicked the winning goal from the centre of a sea of mud, 40 yards from the goalposts, and seven minutes before the end. After the match, Parramatta players bitterly complained that referee C. F. Pearce should have awarded their lock forward Don Regan a penalty try 26 minutes after the start, when West led 3-0. Regan had kicked the ball over the line and seemed certain to score, when Keato grabbed his leg. Regan said: "I appealed to Pearce for a penalty try, but he did not answer me and ordered a scrum." "The least he should have awarded was a penalty kick." (**Daily Telegraph 14th June 1949**)

Immediately the game started, Western Suburbs launched an attack down the centre. Hansen gained 20 yards, then Stanmore shot through into Parramatta 25. He had McLean going with him, but held the ball and was tackled. The crowd numbered about 14,000. One of the best moves occurred when Holman, almost on Wests' 25, passed to Maxwell, who cut through and gave Fitzgerald the ball. He sent it inside to Stanmore, the move gaining 50 yards. Western Suburbs scored after 33 minutes following a build-up by Holman, Woods and Maxwell. Crisp handling by Milton and Holman took the ball to Fitzgerald, and he went over near the corner. Keato, who was having an off day at kicking, failed with the goal kick. Western Suburbs 3-nil. There was a sensation when Keato badly mishandled a ball. Regan went through at top speed, toed the ball over Wests' line, and was badly interfered with by Keato as he was going for the try. The referee ordered a scrum at the spot. A penalty was awarded Parramatta and Hobbs landed the goal. Western Suburbs 3-2. The ball went across the Parramatta three-quarter line and was kicked into Wests' 25. Johnson went through fast after the ball. Fitzgerald and Keato mulled the ball as it lay on the ground. Johnson gathered and raced on for the try. Hobbs missed. Parramatta 5-3. Maxwell slipped and was carried off with an injured rib. He did not return for the second half. Greatest goal of the match was kicked by Keato from a penalty a yard inside half-way and at an angle. Western Suburbs 14-13. Parramatta was given a penalty kick from outside Wests' 25. Schomberg landed the goal. Parramatta, 15-14..... (**The Sun 13th June 1949**)

Notes: This was a Monday match for the King's Birthday weekend with two significant features. Firstly, Col Maxwell sustained a serious rib injury and Wests were forced to play the second half with twelve men. Secondly, Bill Keato had an outstanding kicking game. He kicked a beautiful field goal from 40 yards out on a mud-heap and kicked the match winning goal from near the sideline and at half-way. Parramatta thought they were denied a penalty try when Keato interfered with a player going for the ball. Only a scrum was set down.