



# 1951 Round 11 Saturday 23rd June Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 24

def.

## North Sydney 7

Jack RUDD  
George BAIN  
Jack FITZGERALD  
Bob DIMOND  
Dev DINES  
Keith DEACON  
Leo TREVENA  
Keith CULLEN  
Peter LONG  
Arthur COLLINSON  
Bill HORDER (c)  
Hec FARRELL  
Kevin HANSEN

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

Bill MIDDLETON  
Peter O'BRIEN  
Keith MIDDLETON  
Frank COTTLE  
John McLEAN  
Martin GALLAGHER  
Bob SULLIVAN  
John OLIVE (c)  
Ray THOMPSON  
Col LAY  
Alan FITZGERALD  
Norm STRONG  
Lloyd HUDSON

### Tries

Peter LONG  
Kevin HANSEN  
Dev DINES  
Bob DIMOND  
Arthur COLLINSON  
George BAIN

Frank COTTLE

### Goals

Leo TREVENA (2)  
George BAIN (1)

Bill MIDDLETON (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Rudd; three-quarters: D Dines, R Dimond, J Fitzgerald, G Bain; five-eighth: K Deacon; half: L Trevena; forwards: K Cullen, P Long, A Collinson, K Hansen, H Farrell, W Horder (c)

**North Sydney:** Full-back: W Middleton; three-quarters: J McLean, K Middleton, F Cottle, P O'Brien; five-eighth: M Gallagher; half: R Sullivan; forwards: J Olive (c), C Lay, R Thompson, L Hudson, N Strong, A Fitzgerald **Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News 11th August 1951)**

Full-back Jack Rudd's grand display highlighted Western Suburbs' 24-7 win over North Sydney at Pratten Park. 4069 watched the game on a mud-heap. Wests led 6-nil at half-time. Rudd gave a classical display of wet-weather football and repeatedly gained more than 40 yds with powerful kicks. Brightest movement of the game was in the second half when Bob Dimond scored a grand solo try. Play had been hovering in mid-field when Dimond picked up the rolling ball. Coming to W. Middleton, he short-kicked cleverly and was on the ball in a flash to race across in the corner. Best forward on the field was Western Suburb's front-rower Kevin Hansen. He was always where the going was heavy and his try late in the game was a gem. He was given grand support by Horder and Long. .... **(The Sun 24th June 1951)**

Western Suburbs gave an excellent display of open football on the muddy field at Pratten Park to beat North Sydney 24-7 yesterday. Wests' forwards continually opened up play and got their backs moving well against the slow moving opposition. North's forwards, on the other hand, gave away too many penalties in the first half (10-4) and so compensated the slight majority they had in the set scrums. Wests led 6-0 at half-time, but was unfortunate not to have had a larger total on the board. R. Dimond was conspicuous in all of Wests' moves. He was continually on the ball, often turning defence into attack. His defence was excellent. Early in the second half he secured a loose ball in his own half, broke through the defence, ran to the full-back, then short kicked over the goal line to recover and score. He also initiated D. Dines' try when Middleton mishandled a pass and Dimond obtained to break through to the full-back before transferring to Dines. L. Trevena, substituting for Keith Holman behind West's pack, gave his backs good service from the scrums. His cover defence was excellent. Full-back J. Rudd outplayed his counterpart W. Middleton and was always ready to set his side on the attack. ... **(The Sunday Herald 24th June 1951)**

Lock Keith Cullen is living up to the promise he showed last season and with the experience he is gaining this year he should develop into a top class player in the future... Dev Dines is back in the team after being out for several weeks with a torn muscle. He should have no trouble in striking form quickly. **(Rugby League News June 23rd 1951)**

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**Notes:** This was another significantly weather-affected round with postponed matches being played on July 15th and 22nd. Wests led 6-0 at half-time and had missed eight shots at goal on a very muddy ground. After half-time the forwards, led by Kevin Hansen, got completely on top and aided by a sterling display by full-back Jack Rudd, Wests ran away with the match. The real star however was Bob Dimond who played his best game in years. He scored a great individual try and set up three others.