



# 1949 Round 11 Saturday 25th June Belmore Oval



## Western Suburbs 23

def.

## Canterbury 0

Bill KEATO  
 Dick McKELVEY  
 Jack LACKEY  
 Jack WOODS  
 Jack FITZGERALD  
 Frank STANMORE  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Peter McLEAN (c)  
 Don MILTON  
 Kevin HANSEN  
 Bill HORDER  
 Alan HORNERY  
 George LOVELL

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

Ron WILLEY  
 Jeff SIMMONDS  
 Alf NIXON  
 Frank O'SULLIVAN  
 Frank FLYNN  
 Jim COLLINS  
 Bruce HOPKINS (c)  
 Len HOLMES  
 Jack ENGLISH  
 Ron TREUER  
 Eddie BURNS  
 Don SINCLAIR  
 Ken CHARLTON



**Tries** Frank STANMORE (2)  
 Jack FITZGERALD  
 Don MILTON  
 Peter McLEAN

**Goals** Bill KEATO (4)

### Match Description

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: R Willey; three-quarters: J Simmonds, A Nixon, F O'Sullivan, F Flynn; five-eighth: J Collins; half: B Hopkins (capt); forwards: L Holmes, J English, R Treuer, E Burns, D Sinclair, K Charlton

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: R McKelvey, J Lackey, J Fitzgerald, J Woods; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: K Holman; forwards; P McLean, D Milton, K Hansen, W Horder, A Hornery, G Lovell **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 13th August 1949)**

Canterbury - Bankstown centre three-quarter Alf Nixon played in a daze for the greater part of the match against Western Suburbs at Belmore. Wests won 23-0. Nixon collided with another player early in the game. He went on to the wing in the second half. He collapsed after the match and was taken to Canterbury Hospital, suffering from probable concussion. Canterbury half-back Hopkins was also groggy after the match and winger Flynn was limping with an ankle injury. **(The Sun 26th June 1949)**

Western Suburbs did very much as it liked in the second half to defeat Canterbury - Bankstown 23 points to nil at Belmore Oval yesterday. A crowd of 6028 saw a drab, uninspiring display of first-grade football. Canterbury played like a team of spare parts, their effort at all times being disjointed and elementary. Their attack lacked cohesion, system, and thrust, while the number of bad and dropped passes was far too numerous to count. Kevin Hansen was the white-haired boy of Western Suburbs forwards, who on the day were far too good for their rivals. Hansen pushed and bumped his way at will through the rucks and was the instigator of practically all of his team's five tries. With Captain Peter McLean, he was a constant danger when in possession. Five-eighth Stanmore in scoring his side's first two tries, backed up well to take the ball on the burst from Hansen on both occasions. Stanmore, in his second scoring effort, caught Canterbury full-back Ron Willey on the wrong foot and left him standing with the neatest of sidesteps to score between the posts. That, however, was the only mistake young Willey made during the match. Otherwise, his catching, kicking; and running with the ball were faultless. Kangaroo Bruce Hopkins was heavily tackled early in the first half and played most of the game with the right side of his face numbed. Canterbury centre Alf Nixon also received a knock early and played throughout with concussion. He was taken to Canterbury Hospital for observation after the match. **(The Daily Telegraph 26th June 1949)**

Canterbury and Wests staged a drab exhibition of League football at Belmore Oval yesterday. Wests won easily, 23-0. Canterbury had only two players in their side who seemed to be trying, Holmes and full-back Willey. The 'Bury's needed lessons in passing, not in football. They won almost all the scrums in the first half and cut even in the second, but could still do nothing, due to bad handling. Wests, on the other hand, never looked like first-graders and also handled poorly. Billie Keato bagged four goals and missed as many more chances. Bruce Hopkins had a day off for the locals. Stanmore played classy football and crossed twice for the Magpies. Horder, Hansen and McLean were the pick of the Westerners. **(Truth 26th June 1949)**

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**Notes:** By all accounts this was a drab game where Wests were always in control and although handling badly, were not as bad as an atrocious Canterbury team. Wests only led 5-0 at half-time but the forwards, led by a charging Kevin Hansen, took complete control in the second half and with the surfeit of possession Frank Stanmore played all over his opposing five-eighth and set the backs going. This was a welcome win after a couple of ordinary performances.