



1948 Round 11 Saturday 3rd July Cricket Ground



Western Suburbs 19

def.

Canterbury 12

Bill KEATO
 Pat LEAL
 Eric BENNETT
 Lindsay RODDA
 Jack LACKEY
 Frank STANMORE
 Neville HOGAN
 Peter McLEAN
 Don MILTON
 Bernie PURCELL
 Jack WALSH (c)
 William BROWN
 Jack PIPER

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

Dick JOHNSON
 Edgar NEWHAM
 Eddie TRACEY
 Norman YOUNG
 Jack HARTWELL
 Roy HASSON
 Bruce HOPKINS
 Len HOLMES
 Alister CLARKE
 Ken CHARLTON
 Eddie BURNS
 Roy KIRKALDY
 Henry PORTER (c)

Tries

Pat LEAL
 Bernie PURCELL
 Frank STANMORE

Bruce HOPKINS
 Eddie TRACEY

Goals

Bill KEATO (3)
 Bernie PURCELL (2)

Bruce HOPKINS (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: J Lackey, L Rodda, E Bennett, P Leal; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: N Hogan; forwards: P McLean, B Purcell, D Milton, J Piper, W Brown, J Walsh

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: R Johnson; three-quarters: E Newham, N Young, E Tracey, J Hartwell; five-eighth: R Hasson; half: R Hopkins; forwards: L Holmes, K Charlton, A Clarke, H Porter (c), R Kirkaldy, E Burns **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 24th July 1948)**

One of the best Rugby League tries on the SCG for years was scored by Western Suburbs five-eighth Frank Stanmore after the final bell yesterday. Western Suburbs beat Canterbury-Bankstown 19-12, and was leading 14-12 when the bell rang. Stanmore swooped on a loose ball, burst through the Canterbury men, who were standing close-up in attack, and did not give a tackler a chance in a magnificent 90-yard run. A comrade kissed Stanmore as he came back after the try. The try staggered the crowd of 15,426, which right through the game had sustained a roar, seldom equalled in recent times. Canterbury attacks, from early 15 minutes, had smashed at the Western Suburbs line. Johnson was hurt in the opening minutes of the tense game. Dick Johnson, Canterbury full-back, making his first premiership appearance after a suspension of nearly 12 months, kicked the ground and pulled a muscle in his right leg. For the rest of the match he was a semi-cripple, kicked left-footed and could hardly run, but performed remarkably. .. Cautions were administered for clutching tackles early, but from then the football was clean. Strategist of Western Suburbs was Eric Bennett, the only man exploiting Johnson's handicap. ... Wests' half Nev Hogan suffered badly bruised ribs early in the game, and he winced with pain whenever tackled. He will be X-rayed tomorrow. Western Suburbs forwards held their opponents, and the backs eclipsed the Canterbury men. Fullest use of the ball from Hogan, through Stanmore to Rodda, Bennett and Leal, clinched the Western Suburbs triumph. **(The Sun 4th July 1948)**

.... Western Suburbs lock forward, P. McLean, following instructions, concentrated on "bottling up" Canterbury-Bankstown five-eighth Hasson. McLean did this so effectively that Hasson became the weak link in the Canterbury-Bankstown back line, which was never able to operate smoothly. **(The Daily Telegraph 4th July 1948)**

Lindsay Rodda gets his opportunity in the firsts today. He should ably fill in the vacancy created by the selection of Col Maxwell in the Australia team. **(Rugby League News 3rd July 1948)**

Hooker Bill Brown more than held his own with Roy Kirkaldy last Saturday, and also his display as dummy half was one of the best we have seen for a long time....A pat on the back to Frank Stanton for his grand try after the bell. This will go down as one of the best tries we have seen on the famous ground...If asked to name the best forward against Canterbury we would put the whole six on a par. It is doubtful if any set of forwards have put up greater defence than they did in the last 15 minutes... Fred Yanz and Keith Holman's injuries will, unfortunately, keep them out of football for several weeks yet. **(Rugby League News 10th July 1948)**

Notes: This was a very close match, which was only decided as the bell rang when Frank Stanmore scored a brilliant runaway 90 yard try. The Wests' forwards had tackled themselves to a standstill in the last fifteen minutes as the big Canterbury pack threw everything at them. The first try by Purcell was a superb piece of backing up, as more than five players had handled. Neville Hogan played on bravely with bruised ribs. Lindsay Rodda played his usual solid game after being called up to replace the Kangaroo, Col Maxwell.