



1949 Round 12 Saturday 2nd July Cricket Ground



Western Suburbs 34

def.

Newtown 14

Bill KEATO
 Dick McKELVEY
 Jack LACKEY
 Jack WOODS
 Jack FITZGERALD
 Frank STANMORE
 Keith HOLMAN
 Peter McLEAN (c)
 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

Oriel KENNERSON
 Horrie KESSEY
 Ray PRESTON
 Peter RYAN
 D DAHL
 Mick MULLANE
 Keith FROOME (c)
 Bill EDWARDS
 Fred FAYERS
 Roy DYKES
 R DOUGHTY
 Frank JOHNSON
 Alf GIBBS

Tries

Don MILTON (3)
 Jack FITZGERALD
 Frank STANMORE
 Jack WOODS

Bill EDWARDS
 Peter RYAN

Goals

Bill KEATO (8)

Keith FROOME (2)
 Oriel KENNERSON (2)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back: O Kennerson; three-quarters: H Kessey, R Preston, P Ryan, D Dahl; five-eighth: M Mullane; half: K Froome (capt); forwards: W Edwards, F Fayers, R Dykes, R Doughty, F Johnson, A Gibbs

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 (capt), D Milton, K Hansen, W Horder, A Hornery, G Lovell **Referee: T McMahan (Rugby League News 20th August 1949)**

Thousands of the foot-borne spectators at the Cricket Ground League game yesterday started their homeward hikes before Wests completed their 34-14 annihilation of Newtown. ... Yesterday's game, drab as it was, had its highlights; * Newtown forward Fred Fayers was sent off 10 minutes after the start for "indiscriminate kicking," a happening that surprised no one. * Keato, who suffered a leg injury in the mix-up with Fayers, recovered to kick eight goals and bring up his century of points for the season. * Wests forward Don Milton, one of the most consistent forwards of the season, scored three tries, finally racing about the field like a crack centre three-quarter. Keato was carried to the touchline after the incident with Fayers and his left leg was bandaged above the knee. His leg, which bore deep sprig marks, was very sore after the match. Fayers dressed quickly and left the ground. Keato, who scored 99 points last year, made no mistake this time. With about five minutes to go he missed a goal which would have brought up his tally to the century, but he converted Stanmore's try on the bell to reach the coveted mark. In addition to his goal-kicking, Keato played finely and saved a couple of likely tries with beautiful tackles. His line kicking, however, was not in the same class as the rest of his play. Milton, one of the most honest of the fine current crop of second row forwards, had a great day. He backed up as industriously as usual and the general loose play enabled him to reap a rich reward for his work. It's indicative of the game that he scored one of his tries with four supports ranged alongside him. Despite the scoring efforts of Milton and Keato, the two Wests' stars of the day were undoubtedly halfback Holman and second row forward Hansen. Holman, though helped by the absence of a Newtown lock, played magnificently throughout and had a hand in nearly all the tries. He kept darting through the ragged Newtown defence and kept bouncing to his feet when knocked over in a run in a mariner reminiscent of the 'great English Union five-eighth, Roger Spong. Hansen is playing vastly improved football as against his displays earlier in the season. Yesterday he gained the full value of his crashing runs by passing at the right time. His only blemish was a wild pass that enabled Froome to send Edwards over for Newtown's second try. Another good WS player was centre three-quarter J. Woods, who showed dash and penetrative ability. He has played well in his matches at the Cricket Ground this year. ... Wests led 12-4 at half-time but Newtown supporters were still hopeful the team could raise enough dash in the second spell to wipe off that deficit. It was a reasonable enough hope but it didn't work out that way. Wests went to 19-4 with a penalty by Keato and a converted try by Milton. Newtown picked up a gift try but from then on it was all Western Suburbs with the main interest in whether Keato would have to wait another week for his century of points. The final try was made by Holman, who slashed through the defence before sending to Stanmore. The bell rang just as that player slipped past the overworked Kennerson to score under the posts. Keato did the rest and gathered the congratulations of teammates as they filed off the ground. The attendance was 16,959. **(The Sun 3rd July 1949)**

Notes: This was a very poor quality game but Wests were able to win convincingly against a depleted Newtown. Ex-Wests player, Fred Fayers, was sent off after 10 minutes and Wests were able to dominate a 12 man team. Stanmore and Holman were brilliant and Kevin Hansen gave yet another dazzling display. Keato injured a leg early but was still able to kick eight goals to bring his tally for the year over 100 points.