



# 1951 Round 12 Saturday 30th June Pratten Park



## Eastern Suburbs 18

def.

## Western Suburbs 11

Alan COOK (c)  
 Billy REINHOLD  
 Ray THOMAS  
 Brian HORNE  
 Don WHITE  
 Ben HENRY  
 Alf O'BRIEN  
 Ferris ASHTON  
 Frank BURKE  
 Charlie BANKS  
 Jack McPHERSON  
 John BELL  
 Ken HUNTER

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

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



### Tries

Billy REINHOLD  
 Jack McPHERSON  
 Darcy HENRY  
 Charlie BANKS

Dev DINES  
 Arthur COLLINSON  
 Keith CULLEN

### Goals

Brian HORNE (3)

Leo TREVENA (1)

### 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)

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: A Cook (c); three-quarters: D White, B Horne, R Thomas, W Reinhold; five-eighth: D Henry; half: A O'Brien; forwards: F Burke, F Ashton, C Banks, J McPherson, J Bell, K Hunter **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 15th August 1951)**

Eastern Suburbs scored a surprise win over Western Suburbs on a mud heap. Easts led all the way and it was only early in the second half that Western Suburbs pack played in form. But from then on, Easts played intelligent football under atrocious conditions. Highlight of the game was the classical display of Western Suburbs forward Kevin Hansen. Right through the game he was prominent and he "made" the try scored by Dines early in the second half. Wests badly missed their Test halves Holman and Stanmore. Easts pack with McPherson, Ashton and Hunter outstanding showed skill in the mud. **(The Sun 1st July 1951)**

After scoring a snap try in the first few minutes, Easts were not headed to win 18-11 against Wests at Pratten Park. Hansen strove hard for Wests and began two movements that resulted in tries. Dines 'stole the show' in attack with a great 60 yard dash. He landed one try and narrowly missed another. Hard forward work for Easts by Hunter and McPherson was rewarded when each crashed over for tries. Thomas showed good penetrating ability but conditions were against fast open play. **(Truth 1st July 1951)**

The kick-off was recalled, and from the scrum the ball was thrown to Fitzgerald, who was stopped and Easts were penalised. A long kick by Bain drove Easts back into their own 25, and when play went back to halfway Dines broke away, but was hurled into touch by Reinhold. Horder was caught off-side and Easts were pressing strongly when Wests were penalised. But Horne's shot at goal missed by inches. Thomas then started a movement that took play well into Wests 25 and from loose play Henry slipped across wide out for Horne to kick the goal. Easts 5-0. Wests were penalised and Horne kicked a great goal to give Easts a lead of 7-nil. Then Hansen barged his way through a ruck before sending to Collinson, who scored under the posts. Easts 7-5. From a scrum, the ball went from Fitzgerald to Bain, who was stopped inches from the line. Easts were penalised and Trevena missed the easiest of goals. Hunter barged his way over the corner, for Horne to goal. Easts 12-5. A few moments later, McPherson sent Easts further ahead when he scored alongside the post. Horne missed the goal. Easts 15-5. Hansen then "made" a try for Dines as Trevena limped to the sideline for ambulance attention. Bain missed the goal. Easts 15-8. Cullen, a few moments later, barged his way over in the corner. Bain's shot at goal flew wide. Easts 15-11..... **(The Sun 30th June 1951)**

**Notes:** On a day when Australia was playing France in Brisbane and the halves, Stanmore and Holman were out again, this was considered a big upset. Easts had a quick start and led 15-5 before Kevin Hansen led a late rally. He was a giant in the middle of the field, breaking tackle after tackle and setting up Dines' try and almost two others. Dev Dines also had a blinder in a losing side. Wests' hold on a semi-final spot was suddenly becoming tenuous.