



# 1948 Round 13 Saturday 17th July Brookvale Oval



## Western Suburbs 10

def.

## Manly-Warringah 6

Bill KEATO  
Pat LEAL  
Lindsay RODDA  
Eric BENNETT (c)  
Jack LACKEY  
Frank STANMORE  
Neville HOGAN  
Peter McLEAN  
Bernie PURCELL  
Kevin HANSEN  
Bill HORDER  
William BROWN  
Jim SEERY

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

Ron BEAUMONT  
Johnny BLISS  
Keith BEARDSMORE  
Gordon WILLOUGHBY  
Jim WALSH  
Neil McDONNELL  
Ron O'CONNELL (c)  
Alf BARRETT  
Keith KIRKWOOD  
Don MATHESON  
Fred BROWN  
Jack DUNFORD  
Fred BROWN

### Tries

Pat LEAL  
William BROWN

Don MATHESON  
Jim WALSH

### Goals

Bill KEATO (2)

### Match Description

**Manly-Warringah:** Full-back: R Beaumont; three-quarters: J Walsh, K Beardsmore, G Willoughby, J Bliss; five-eighth: N McDonnell; half: R O'Connell (c); forwards: A Barrett, G Kirkwood, D Matheson, F Brown, J Dunford, J Campbell

**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, K Hansen, J Seery, W Brown, W Horder **Referee: C F Pearce (Rugby League News 7th August 1948)**

A tactical error by Manly three-quarters in the final minutes of play gave competition leaders Western Suburbs a 10-6 victory. Manly had led 6-3 at half-time and were holding a one-point advantage against persistent attacks late in the game. Manly centre, Willoughby, had made a powerful run through the defence with Bliss and Beardsmore trailing but both supports overran the pass and lost a certain try. Bennett snapped up the ball and started a Wests hand to hand movement which ended in hooker Brown scoring. Hansen starred in Wests' forwards with the hard running Leal and Bennett best of the backs. **(The Sun 19th July 1948)**

In a flooded game, Western Suburbs beat Manly at Brookvale Oval yesterday by 10-6. Wests' best players were W. Keato, P. Leal, J. Lackey and P. Stanmore (backs). In a great set of forwards, W. Brown and K. Hansen stood out. For Manly, Ron Beaumont gave one of the most polished wet weather displays seen in Sydney for years. Others to show out were K Beardsmore, J. Walsh and R. O'Connell (backs). K. Kirkwood was the best forward on the field. He was ably assisted by F. Brown. **(Truth 18th July 1948)**

Wests did the early attacking and gave the greasy ball plenty of air. A low grubber kick by Keato drove Beaumont back, but the Manly custodian relieved with a good line kick. Ron O'Connell picked up a loose ball and sliced through a disinterested defence, sent to Walsh, who turned inside and scrambled over the line for a try. Mathieson's kick failed. Manly 3, Wests nil. Manly was playing the better football and Willoughby ran strongly to send to Mathieson, who gained 30 yards before being brought down. With the Wests forwards standing off, Kirkwood charged out of a ruck, sent to Beardsmore, to Willoughby, who lost the ball when tackled. O'Connell picked up, in-passed to Brown for Walsh to take the final pass and score. Manly 6-nil. Half-time scores: Manly 6, Wests nil. Most of Wests' players reappeared in clean jerseys. Wests were nearly in after Hanson picked up a dropped pass and started a forward rush. Hogan worked a blind side to send winger Leal over for a try in the corner. The kick failed. Manly 6-3. Stanmore started a thrust that looked dangerous, but he was held by Beardsmore.....**(The Sun 17th July 1948)**

Our narrow victory over Manly-Warringah puts us on top in the first grade, and we are confident we will stay there. Under the terrible conditions prevailing on Saturday, Kevin Hansen played his best football for some time. Congratulations to Bill Brown on the grand try he scored. Bill has speed above the ordinary for a hooker. **(Rugby League News 24th July 1948)**

**Notes:** This was a real slog, played on a mud-heap at Brookvale Oval. The ground was actually flooded in parts. In a real game for the 'pigs' Kevin Hansen was in the thick of it and William Brown scored the winning try in the last five minutes, showing surprising speed for a hooker. Wests were winning the close games, even with three of their stars out.