



# 1949 Round 13 Saturday 9th July Cricket Ground



## Western Suburbs 22

def.

## St George 17

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

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

Noel PIDDING  
 Matthew McCOY  
 Ronald ROBERTS  
 Ernie MORT  
 Jack LINDWALL  
 Johnny HAWKE (c)  
 Noel HILL  
 Billy WILSON  
 George JARDINE  
 Ross FIELDER  
 Jack HOLLAND  
 Frank FACER  
 Charlie BANKS

**Tries** Keith HOLMAN (2)  
 Dick McKELVEY  
 Jack WOODS

Matthew McCOY (3)

**Goals** Bill KEATO (5)

Matthew McCOY (4)

### Match Description

**St George:** Full-back: N Pidding; three-quarters: R Roberts, M McCoy, E Mort, J Lindwall; five-eighth: J Hawke (capt); half: N Hill; forwards: W Wilson, G Jardine, R Fielder, J Holland, F Facer, C Banks

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: R McKelvey, C Maxwell (capt), 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 20th August 1949)**

For the second time this season Western Suburbs, a League team of oddly mixed performances, yesterday rose to the occasion and downed the glamor side St. George. This time it was at the Cricket Ground with the scores 22-17. They did it yesterday in the most exciting match-of-the-day of the season, scoring a try with only a couple of minutes to go after St George had made it 17-all. There were a lot of highlights to the game which was watched by a crowd of 21,900 - a surprising roll up under the transport difficulties. Some of the highlights: \*Bill Keato, West full-back, who was playing his 100th first grade game for the club, kicked his 400th goal when he steered over the first of five successful kicks. \*Mat McCoy, St. George centre, scored all his team's points. They were made up of three tries and four goals. Incidentally they brought up his 100 points for the season. \*St. George got a penalty goal just before half-time after McLean (West's) had raced across the St. George line. On the report of a touch judge referee Bishop brought the play back 70 yards and awarded St. George the free. In this incident West's started a move from the 25. McKelvey, after a dash up the right wing, centred beautifully and McLean gathered it to go across under the posts. However, Bishop brought them back and McCoy kicked the penalty. West's' captain Col Maxwell said after the game that he had passed the ball to Milton in the West 25 and had been held by St. George forward Wilson. He had attempted to push Wilson off and he thought this had been misconstrued by the touch judge as a punch. It was an incident that made a difference of seven points and would have been a contentious subject for some time had St. George won. West's' forwards really won the game in the first ten minutes by outplaying the St. George pack and completely demoralising the whole opposition. The bustling tactics of Hansen, Horder, Milton and Co, had the St. George men in a very ragged state, and it was no shock when the nippy Holman, wriggling from a tackle went over for the first try - a very easy one. Keato goaled. St. George got out of a lot of trouble and then McCoy badly beat Keato to score, but missed the goal. West's shot further ahead when Woods grubber kicked and got it again to score. Keato converted, to make it 10-3, and a little later kicked a penalty goal. McCoy's penalty goal, described earlier, was the only other score before half-time, and West's led 12-5, with St. George lucky to be as close. .... Hill fumbled from the kick-off and Holman ran through the defence from the resulting scrum to score. Keato goaled. West's 17-5. McCoy kicked a penalty goal, then scored a try and converted it. A few minutes later he was over again after the best St. George movement of the match. He converted, and it was 17-all, with ten minutes to go. Banks gave a foolish offside penalty to West's but Keato missed, but the inevitable happened — with West's winning the vital scrums — when McKelvey went over in the corner on a blind-side movement. The game died in a scrum a minute later. ... The forwards played tightly and with fire. Milton did an enormous amount of work and so did Hansen and Horder, while lock McLean left Jardine "for dead" in every phase of the game. The backs defended grandly. Stanmore spent so much time round Hawke's legs that he seemed glued to them. .... **(The Sun 10th July 1949)**

**Notes:** This was a welcome return to form for West's with a powerful display against the competition heavyweight. The forwards paved the way early with the man of the match, Kevin Hansen, leading the charge. Keith Holman was able to come into his own on the back of the pack's dominance and played brilliantly. Billy Keato was playing his hundredth game and played well. St George came back strongly to make the score 17-all before Dick McKelvey scored on the blindside with five minutes to go. For some reason Rugby League News credits Frank Stanmore with the try but every newspaper account had McKelvey pushing his way over in the corner. Frank Stanmore's defence was also a feature of the game.