



# 1949 Round 15 Saturday 23rd July Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 15

def.

## Manly-Warringah 10

Bill KEATO  
 Dick McKELVEY  
 Colin MAXWELL (c)  
 Jack WOODS  
 Jack FITZGERALD  
 Frank STANMORE  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Peter McLEAN  
 Don MILTON  
 Bill RAWLINSON  
 Jack WILLIAMS  
 Alan HORNER  
 Vic WILLIAMS

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

Ron BEAUMONT  
 Gordon WILLOUGHBY  
 Cyril McMAHON (c)  
 Neville PIERCE  
 Ray BLACK  
 Albert COLLINS  
 Steve RAFFO  
 Alf BARRETT  
 Keith KIRKWOOD  
 Jack HUBBARD  
 Fred BROWN  
 Len JOHNSON  
 Syd FISCHER

### Tries

Jack FITZGERALD (2)  
 Dick McKELVEY

Ray BLACK  
 Cyril McMAHON

### Goals

Bill KEATO (3)

Syd FISCHER (2)

### Match Description

**Manly-Warringah:** Full-back: R Beaumont; three-quarters: G Willoughby, C McMahon, N Pierce, R Black; five-eighth: A J Collins; half: S Raffo; forwards: A Barrett, J Hubbard, K Kirkwood, F Brown, L Johnson, S Fischer

**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, W Rawlinson, J Williams, A Hornery, V Williams **Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News 27th August 1949)**

Touch judges yesterday interrupted the Western Suburbs-Manly-Warringah match at Pratten Park eight times to report players for punching and kicking. However, referee A. Oxford did not send any player off the field. Western Suburbs won a rough match 15-10 after having led 8-5 at half-time. Rough play started in the first five minutes when Oxford cautioned Manly forward L. Johnson. Twenty-seven penalties were awarded during the match, the majority for rough tactics. Wests received 12 and Manly 14. West's hooker, A. Hornery, was a passenger after he hurt a knee as the half-time bell rang. When play resumed he moved to the second row, D. Milton taking his place as hooker. Wests lost the set scrums 7-14 during the second half. Winger J. Fitzgerald (2), and R. McKelvey (1), scored West's tries. **(The Daily Telegraph 24th July 1949)**

League premiers, Western Suburbs, helped to consolidate their position for the semi-finals by convincingly defeating Manly-Warringah 15 to 10 yesterday at Pratten Park. The game was devoid of brilliance, sustained passing movements being conspicuous by their absence. Frequent penalties jolted the play, while the backs on both sides, adopting spotting tactics, nullified all attractive, concerted movements. The discrepancy in the scores is not a true reflex of the merits of the teams, as Wests always had the drop on the Seaside. The first try by J. Fitzgerald, however, should never have been allowed, for this player lost the ball over the line. Two players to stand out were forwards Don Milton for Wests and K. (Bluey) Kirkwood for the villagers. Milton was tireless, starring both in attack and defence and never once letting up. Kirkwood was energetic, versatile, and resourceful throughout. K. Holman, J. Fitzgerald, F. Stanmore and J. Woods were the pick of the winners' rear-guard. Billy Keato, who kicked three goals, was patchy, as was his vis-a-vis, R. Beaumont. Manly were best served by C. McMahon, R. Black and A. Collins (backs). S. Fischer, L. Johnson and J. Hubbard were conspicuous in a fiery pack of forwards. **(Truth 24th July 1949)**

Western Suburbs scrambled home 15-10 against Manly at Pratten Park yesterday but didn't look very impressive in doing so. Probably the scores should have been closer as Fitzgerald's try seemed doubtful. The Wests' winger appeared to lose the ball before grounding it, due to the force of Beaumont's tackle. The game was even throughout and Wests won mainly because of Manly's bad handling. .... Fitzgerald was the pick of Wests' backs, while Don Milton played a hard game in the forwards. Full-back Bill Keato played one of his worst games, getting his team into trouble on a number of occasions. He also missed several easy attempts at goal. Best forward on the ground was red-headed Kirkwood, Manly's second-rower. He was in everything. Half-back Steve Raffo gave good service from the scrums while Gordon Willoughby made several good runs. **(The Sun 24th July 1949)**

**Notes:** This was a very rough match where eight cautions were doled out without anybody being sent off. Horder and Hansen were playing for NSW, allowing Bill Rawlinson to make another appearance with Jack Williams and Vic Williams (not related) to make his debut. Alan Hornery was injured on half-time and Don Milton went into hooking where he starred in the second half. Most reports suggest that Jack Fitzgerald's first try was suspect but in the end Wests were clearly the better team and deserved to win.