



1951 Round 15 Saturday 4th August Cricket Ground



Western Suburbs 27

def.

Manly-Warringah 23

Don WORNE
George BAIN
Jack FITZGERALD
Keith CULLEN
Dev DINES
Frank STANMORE (c)
Keith HOLMAN
Peter McLEAN
Peter LONG
Arthur COLLINSON
Eddie HOOPER
Alan HORNERY
Don STAIT

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

Ron BEAUMONT
Jack LUMSDEN
Warren SIMMONS
Gordon WILLOUGHBY
Ron ROWLES
Wally O'CONNELL (c)
Ken ARTHURSON
George HUNTER
Jack HERBERT
Jack HUBBARD
Fred BROWN
Kevin SCHUBERT
Roy BULL

Tries

Keith HOLMAN (2)
Don WORNE

Jack LUMSDEN (2)
Gordon WILLOUGHBY (2)
Ken ARTHURSON

Goals

Don WORNE (9)

Ron ROWLES (4)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Beaumont; three-quarters: J Lumsden, W Simmons, G Willoughby, R Rowles; five-eighth: W O'Connell (c); half: K Arthurson; forwards: G Hunter, J Herbert, J Hubbard, F Brown, K Schubert, R Bull

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Worne; three-quarters: D Dines, J Fitzgerald, K Cullen, G Bain; five-eighth: F Stanmore (c); half: K Holman; forwards: P McLean, P Long, A Collinson, E Hooper, A Hornery, D Stait **Referee: T McMahon (Rugby League News 25th August 1951)**

Western Suburbs yesterday strengthened their bid to qualify for the Rugby League semi-finals. They scored a convincing win 27-23 against Manly Warringah in the main game on Sydney Cricket Ground. A tragic note in their victory, however, was a severe injury to their star five-eighth Frank Stanmore who will not strip again this season. Stanmore, who was playing brilliantly, was injured in a tackle about 10 minutes before half-time. As he was carried off the field by ambulance officers some misguided spectators in the crowd yelled out why had he let his team down by playing with a gammy knee. Last week Stanmore hurt his right knee. He was a doubtful starter until Thursday. But yesterday it was his left knee in which a ligament was torn. The doctor ordered it to be set in plaster, and Stanmore will spend the rest of the season at home. This is a great misfortune for Western Suburbs. Stanmore yesterday found the excellent form that, with Keith Holman made him a match-winner in the Test matches last season against England. He was opposed to Wally O'Connell who replaced him in the Third Test against France. Stanmore completely submerged his rival by the dash he displayed in penetrating the defence. Once he ran nearly 70 yards from a scrum near his own line. The second time he raced through the opposing defence for 40 yards from a scrum near his 25 line. This made the try which Holman scored after cutting inside a pass from Cullen. When he was carried from the field, Wests had a lead of 11 points to 10. From then to the end of the first half, the game seesawed. Each team in turn got in front with penalty goals by Worne (W.S.) and Rowles (M.W.). At half time Wests led 15-12. Twenty minutes before full-time Wests had set up a walk-away lead of 25-12. , But, fighting back strongly, though failing at critical periods of the play with pathetic handling of the ball, Manly-Warringah scored two more tries to lose the game by 27-23. A feature was full-back Worne's excellent goal-kicking for Western Suburbs. Worne scored no fewer than 21 points, made up of nine fine goals and a superb try after Holman had sold a lovely dummy. Worne ran through several tackles for his try. Wests owe their victory yesterday first to Worne's goal-kicking and second to the combination in the forwards, who completely overshadowed the opposition. Another factor, too, in Wests' victory was Manly Warringah's downright bad passing among the backs and shocking handling of the few good passes that happened to come along. Wests scored tries through these mistakes..... Keith Holman, at half back, was one of Wests' key players. Had Stanmore remained on the field, the combination would have been one of compelling danger to the opposition. All the forwards deserve mention. They were Hornery, the hooker, who until injured in the second half was holding his own with Schubert, Stait, Hooper, Long, Collinson and Peter McLean, whose return to Wests has given the team an uplift. **(Truth 5th August 1951)**

Our supporters will be pleased to know that Peter McLean has returned from the country and will be available from next Saturday. **(Rugby League News 28th July 1951)**

Notes: Peter McLean was back from the country and slotted straight back into lock with Keith Cullen going to the centres. Wests were on top early and then Frank Stanmore tore a ligament after 25 minutes and was out for the season. The Wests' pack then took up the slack and dominated, even though they were a man down. Holman also upped the ante with some devastating cover defence. Don Worne actually kicked ten goals but one was disallowed when Arthur Collinson was standing off-side. Forwards! The win gave Wests a chance to still make the semis.