



1950 Round 15 Saturday 5th August Belmore Oval



Western Suburbs 22

def.

Canterbury 16

Bill KEATO
Jack LACKEY
Dev DINES
Jack WOODS
Jack WALL
Frank STANMORE (c)
Keith HOLMAN
Peter McLEAN
Don MILTON
Kevin HANSEN
Bill HORDER
Alan HORNER
Jack WILLIAMS

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

Ron WILLEY
Vic BULGIN
Cec COOPER
Athol HALPIN
Frank FLYNN
Tom BYRNE
Jim COLLINS
Nev CHARLTON
Len HOLMES
Ron TREUER
Eddie BURNS (c)
Don SINCLAIR
Ken CHARLTON

Tries

Jack LACKEY (2)
Keith HOLMAN
Peter McLEAN

Frank FLYNN (2)
Tom BYRNE
Nev CHARLTON

Goals

Bill KEATO (5)

Ron WILLEY (2)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: R Willey; three-quarters: F Flynn, V Bulgin, C Cooper, A Halpin; five-eighth: T Byrne; half: J Collins; forwards; N Charlton, R Treuer, L Holmes, K Charlton, D Sinclair, E Burns (c)

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: J Wall, J Woods, D Dines, J Lackey; five-eighth: F Stanmore(c); Half: K Holman; forwards: P McLean, K Hansen, D Milton, W Horder, A Hornery, J Williams **Referee: T McMahon (Rugby League News 19th August 1950)**

Loss of captain Eddie Burns, who was sent off the field just after half time, probably cost Canterbury-Bankstown the league match against Western Suburbs yesterday. West won 22-16 at Belmore Oval. It was a vital match, as the teams, level before yesterday, are fighting for a place in the semi-finals. The incident involving Burns occurred about five minutes after half-time when Canterbury was trailing 3-10.

Canterbury was attacking and winger F. Flynn, after breaking clear, was tackled by Test half Keith Holman. Burns ran in and appeared to push Holman. He was ordered off by referee Tom McMahon, who later stated that Burns was sent off for punching. Canterbury played without a lock, and this enabled Wests' half, Holman, to clinch the game for his side with a brilliant individual try. Wests won the ball from a scrum near half-way. Holman shaped to pass, and when the opposition moved across to his five-eighth, he shot through with a brilliant burst of speed. Coming to Canterbury fullback, Willey, Holman short-kicked, and, regaining possession near the posts, scored. Keato converted. Three of the eight tries scored came from dropped passes by the opposition. **(The Sun 6th August 1950)**

Canterbury captain Eddie Burns claimed Test referee Tom McMahon penalised him unfairly when he sent him off the field yesterday. Burns was playing against Western Suburbs at Belmore Oval. Western Suburbs won by 22-16 after having led 10-3 at half-time. Burns was sent off the field in the first minutes of the second half. Referee McMahon told the Canterbury secretary (Mr. Alf Bray) that Burns had punched Western Suburbs half-back K. Holman. Burns said "I merely pushed off Holman after he had flattened Flynn with a stiff-arm tackle. "I was amazed when McMahon waved me off the field." There was nothing in the incident to warrant so drastic a penalty." ... Lackey scored his second try for West seconds before the final bell. West won because of the genius of Test halves Holman and Stanmore and the determined running of Lackey. Kevin Hansen gave away penalties and Des Dines (centre) was hesitant and uncertain in his handling. West secretary (Mr. Lou Moses) said: "Wests will now go on to premiership victory." Canterbury president (Mr. Tom Johns) said: "It was unfortunate for Canterbury that Burns was sent off but on the day West was the better team." Attendance was 9175. **(The Daily Telegraph 6th August 1950)**

Another grand game by Jack Lackey last Saturday. Jack has now developed into a really classy player and as he has many years of football before him, he should be a great asset to Wests.... Lock Peter McLean is now right back to his best form and the manner in which he combines with that great pair of halves, Keith Holman and Frank Stanmore, is going to be a real menace to any future opposition. **(Rugby League News 12th August 1950)**

Notes: Three wins in a row and Wests were suddenly on course for the semis. This was a critical match as Wests and Canterbury were equal on the competition table. Dev Dines came in for the injured Bob Dimond and played well, but the formidable halves, Holman and Stanmore were again the deciding factor. Jack Lackey was also outstanding on the wing. The match swung in Wests' favour when Eddie Burns was sent off after half-time for punching Holman.