



# 1948 Round 16 Saturday 7th August Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 15

def.

## Parramatta 13



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

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

Colin SCHOMBERG  
 Johnny SMITH  
 Ian JOHNSTON  
 Vic HEY (c)  
 Arthur JONES  
 Rolf TRUDGETT  
 Jack HAYWOOD  
 Eric MUNRO  
 Max WILSON  
 Bruce MANN  
 George ROBERTSON  
 Neville SPENCE  
 J JEWELL

### Tries

Eric BENNETT  
 Col HUDSON  
 Bernie PURCELL

Vic HEY  
 George ROBERTSON  
 Max WILSON

### Goals

Bill KEATO (3)

Colin SCHOMBERG (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: C Hudson, L Rodda, E Bennett, P Leal; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: N Hogan; forwards: P McLean, B Purcell, K Hansen, J Piper, W Brown, W Horder

**Parramatta:** Full-back: C Schomberg; three-quarters: V Hey (c), I Johnston, J Smith, A Jones; five-eighth: R Trudgett; half: J Hayward; forwards: E Munro, B Mann, M Wilson, J Jewell, N Spence, G Robertson **Referee: J O'Brien (Rugby League News 28th August 1948)**

Rugby League competition leader Western Suburbs yesterday had a lucky win, 15-13, over the wooden spooner, Parramatta, at Pratten Park. Winger Col Hudson scored the winning try for Western Suburbs a minute before the final bell. Hudson was promoted from third grade to first grade only a fortnight ago. Wests yesterday led only 7-5 at half-time. When Parramatta gained a 13-10 lead 10 minutes before the end Western Suburbs supporters were resigned to seeing their team defeated, a few disappointed spectators left the ground. Those who remained cheered the players off the field and then crowded around the exit gates talking enthusiastically about Wests' premiership prospects. Parramatta players were upset at losing their grip on the game. The captain, Vic Hey, left the field with his head bowed and pushed away youthful hero-worshippers who sought his autograph. Frank Stanmore (five-eighth) and veteran Eric Bennett (centre) were West's stars. Stanmore frequently got Wests out of trouble with long, zig-zagging runs. He also figured prominently in the movement which brought Wests' second last try, scored by Bennett. Stanmore side-stepped two opponents, and gave Bennett an open passage to the line. Bennett was excellent in defence. He also exploited "grubber" kicks to advantage to open up play. Hey, who played inside-centre, instead of his usual position at five-eighth, scored a brilliant try for Parramatta early in the second half, and was easily the team's best player. His try, which started from a scrum 25 yards from the line, was one of the best of the season. Hey took a reverse pass from Trudgett (five-eighth), propped to deceive the defence, then brushed off two tackles, and scored near the goal-posts. The crowd, estimated at 6000, cheered Hey for 10 minutes. Play was dull at the start, but it became livelier when Parramatta second-row forward, M. Wilson scored after 10 minutes. Col Schomberg converted the try to give Parramatta a surprise 5-nil lead. Parramatta retained its lead until 10 minutes before half-time. Play early in the second-half was fierce. Parramatta half-back Haywood was knocked out in a collision with Wests' winger Pat Leal. Haywood (9st. 71b.) and Leal (15st.) were at "loggerheads" for the remainder of the match. Once, referee Jack O'Brien cautioned Haywood for allegedly tripping Leal. **(The Daily Telegraph 8th August 1948)**

One point behind one minute before the final bell, with Wests apparently beaten, Hudson scored a try yesterday at Pratten Park to clinch victory for the Magpies over Parramatta (15-13). Highlight was a magnificent try scored by Parra's captain V. Hey. Full marks once again to Parramatta forward B. Mann. Best West backs were Bennett, Keato and Stanmore. Purcell, Hansen, Piper stood out in the forwards. For Parramatta Hey, Jones, and Haywood were grand in defeat. Mann, Robertson and Wilson worked hard in the pack. **(Truth 8th August 1948)**

**Notes:** Jack Piper came in for Jack Walsh and played well but Wests were lucky to win this game with a Col Hudson try one minute before full-time. Ex-Wests star, Vic Hey, was the star of the match and showed his disappointment at the loss. Frank Stanmore was a standout for Wests while Kevin Hansen led the forward charges. Wests held their position as competition leaders.