



1949 Round 17 Saturday 6th August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 34

def.

Eastern Suburbs 25

Bill KEATO
Jack WALL
Jack WOODS
Colin MAXWELL (c)
Dick McKELVEY
Frank STANMORE
Keith HOLMAN
Jack RAWLINSON
Don MILTON
Kevin HANSEN
Bill HORDER
Bill HILLIARD
Jack WILLIAMS

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

Darcy RUSSELL
John SELLGREN
Mick PHELAN
Vic BULGIN
Strachan ROBINSON
Jack COLL
Ken McCAFFERY
Ernie HAWKINS
Reg BEATH
Frank BURKE
Ken HUNTER
Ralph STEWART
Sid HOBSON (c)

Tries

Jack WOODS (2)
Kevin HANSEN
Keith HOLMAN
Bill KEATO
Colin MAXWELL
Jack RAWLINSON
Jack WILLIAMS

John SELLGREN (2)
Jack COLL
Ken McCAFFERY
Mick PHELAN

Goals

Bill KEATO (5)

Darcy RUSSELL (4)
Vic BULGIN (1)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: J Sellgren, J Phelan, V Bulgin, S Robinson; five-eighth: J Coll; half: K McCaffery; forwards; E Hawkins, R Beath, F Bourke, K Hunter, R Stewart, S Hobson(capt)

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: R McKelvey, C Maxwell (capt), J Wall, J Woods; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: K Holman; forwards; J Rawlinson, D Milton, K Hansen, J Williams, W Hilliard, Bill Horder **Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News 3rd September 1949)**

Two forwards, K. Hunter (Easts) and J. Williams (Wests) were sent off the field for fighting in the match at Pratten Park. Wests won a spectacular match 34-25, after easing up in the last ten minutes. Full-back Bill Keato scored a try and kicked five goals to bring his points for the season to 139, nine more than his previous club record. He was mobbed by enthusiastic youths after the match. Half-back Keith Holman was the inspiration of Wests' win. He was the spearhead of all the attacking movements and brought into play almost every known move in the game. New Zealand tourists Frank Stanmore and Kevin Hansen made no attempt to "save" themselves and played grand games. Others to play well for Wests were Maxwell, Woods, Rawlinson and Horder. ... **(The Sun 7th August 1949)**

..... Winning many of the scrums enabled West to score eight tries to East's five. West forwards were too strong for their opponents in the rucks, and gradually wore them down. On one occasion it took the whole of the Easts pack to drag Kevin Hansen down. Wests scored two tries as the result of backing up. On the first occasion Col Maxwell, Wests' captain, scored after, backing up winger R. McKelvey. When tackled near the line McKelvey dropped the ball. Maxwell picked it up and fell over the line.. **(The Daily Telegraph 7th August 1949)**

Wests made a bird of a posy in the Rugby League semi-finals by soundly trouncing Easts 34-25 in a surfeit of brilliant and spectacular football of the non-stop variety yesterday. Col Maxwell's boys had the game well sewn up. Securing a monopoly from the scrums, Wests' halves Keith Holman and Frank Stanmore exploited every trick. Kevin Hansen was the best forward on the ground. His bulldozing bursts and steam-roller tactics nonplussed the opposition. Bill Horder also gave a champion all round display. Col Maxwell was an astute and clever skipper. J. Woods was also in fine form. Bill Keato, who scored a great try and landed five goals, broke his previous club record to tally 137 points. ... **(Truth 7th August 1949)**

Jack and Vic Williams are two most promising young forwards. By the way, these boys are not related, and this is Vic's first season in Grade, while Jack played a couple of games with us in 1947 as a winger. **(Rugby League News 6th August 1949)**

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Notes: Jack Rawlinson made his only First Grade appearance although a prolific lower grade player. Keith Holman was the star in a roughhouse game where Jack Williams was sent off for fighting. Bill Hilliard won the scrums easily and Wests were on top all day. Kevin Hansen and Frank Stanmore were back from NZ and Hansen, in particular, had an impressive game. Keato played very strongly and his 13 points meant he broke the previous record score of 130 points for the season.