



1949 Round 18 Saturday 13th August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 38

def.

North Sydney 18

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

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

Bill MIDDLETON
P MILGATE
Ormonde SMALL
R DULHUNTY
Jack DICKERSON
Peter O'BRIEN
Robert SULLIVAN (c)
Kevin PRICE
Cec WATERS
Jack BYRNE
J BERNHARDT
Norm STRONG
Len WILLAN

Tries

Bill HORDER (2)
Jack WALL (2)
Keith HOLMAN
Frank STANMORE

Jack DICKERSON
P MILGATE
Peter O'BRIEN
Bob SULLIVAN

Goals

Bill KEATO (10)

Bill MIDDLETON (3)

Match Description

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: P McLean, D Milton, K Hansen, V Williams, W Hilliard, Bill Horder

North Sydney: Full-back: W Middleton; three-quarters: J Dickerson, O Small, R Dulhunty, P Milgate; five-eighth: P O'Brien; half: R Sullivan (capt); forwards: K Price, J Byrnes, C Waters, J Bernhardt, N Strong, L Willan

Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News 10th August 1949)

Western Suburbs fullback Bill Keato kicked ten goals in his team's 38-18 win against North Sydney at Pratten Park It brought his points for the season to 159. Western Suburbs Captain Colin Maxwell, bruised his right shoulder during the match and had it in a sling later. When Stanmore initiated the two best tries of the game (scored by Horder and Wall) just before half-time, Wests, to run with the wind on resuming, was expected to take control. First of these tries came when Stanmore picked up from the loose and weaved through the Norths defence to send Horder over. A few minutes later an attempt at goal by Middleton struck the upright. Stanmore gathered and sprinted down the left flank, sent to Wall, who kicked and regained to score. West led 15-5 at half-time. Interest revived when Dickerson scored after a great run by Middleton and Middleton added two goals shortly after resuming. Each side scored three tries in the second half, but, as Keato piled up his goals, the game slipped away from North Sydney. Holman and Stanmore made good moves and winger Wall ran resolutely in the Wests' back line. McLean and Williams worked hard in the forwards. **(The Sun 14th August 1949)**

Kevin Hansen last night was speechless with excitement when told of his selection as the Rugby League star-of-the-year to go to England. Hansen and his girlfriend, Miss June Dodds, of Leichhardt, were on their way, to a theatre when told the news. After a minute's silence, Hansen cried, "What! Going to England?" Miss Dodds embraced Hansen, and said: "I'm proud." I always said Kevin was Australia's best footballer, and now I know experts share my 'opinion." Hansen said: "This is a greater thrill than being chosen in the Australian team to visit England." When the competition was announced early in the season, I set my mind on winning it." These efforts gained me a trip to New Zealand with the Australian team. ." The Sunday Telegraph has always given me encouragement to play good, clean football, which brings money to a Rugby League man. "I have won £50 in awards, as well as my club bonuses." **(The Daily Telegraph 14th August 1949)**

Suburbs, full-back W. Keato kicked 10 goals from 15 attempts against North Sydney at Pratten Park yesterday for his team to win, 38-18. During the game: * Western Suburbs captain Col Maxwell aggravated an old right shoulder injury at the end of the first half. He played throughout the second half with the right arm useless Keato's 10 goals is a record for a match this season. Previous best was eight goals. Keato's goals bring his total of points for the season to 159. Maxwell played and tackled well before he was injured. **(The Daily Telegraph 14th August 1949)**

Notes: Peter McLean was back from injury in time for the semis but Colin Maxwell aggravated an old shoulder injury. Jack Wall had a timely powerful game on the wing but the limelight was stolen by Bill Keato who kicked 10 goals from 15 attempts to take the game away from Norths. Kevin Hansen played well again and clinched the Daily Telegraph Best and Fairest Award where he won a free return trip to England. It was well deserved; he had been noted as the best forward on the field in the majority of Wests' games for the season.