



1948 Round 18 Saturday 21st August Cricket Ground



Western Suburbs 17

def.

Newtown 11

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

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

Oriel KENNERSON
 Norm JACOBSON
 Herb LULHAM
 Roy DYKES
 Len SMITH
 Arthur HARRISON
 Stanley GEERAN
 Bernie DREW
 J HANNON
 Reg DONNELLY
 Frank FARRELL (c)
 Fred FAYERS
 Tom PITMAN

Tries

Eric BENNETT
 Kevin HANSEN
 Bill HORDER

Fred FAYERS
 Norm JACOBSON
 Oriel KENNERSON

Goals

Bill KEATO (4)

Oriel KENNERSON (1)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back: O Kennerson; three-quarters: N Jacobson, L Smith, R Dykes, H Lulham; five-eighth: A Harrison; half: C Geelan; forwards; B Drew, J Hannon, R Donnelly, F Farrell (c), T Pitman, F Fayers

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: C Hudson, L Rodda, E Bennett, J Lackey; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: N Hogan; forwards: P McLean, B Purcell, K Hansen, J Walsh (c), W Brown, W Horder **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 11th September 1948)**

Frank Stanmore, Western Suburbs five-eighth played for 70 minutes with a possible fracture of the right arm when his team beat Newtown 17-11 in the Rugby League game at the Cricket Ground, yesterday. The win, which was in doubt until the last minute, gave Wests its first club championship. After the game, Stanmore, who was in considerable pain, had his forearm padded and then strapped with adhesive tape. An X-ray tomorrow will show whether he has a fracture or a very bad bruise. Stanmore said the arm ached from the first 10 minutes, when he was struck by a boot. He will be hard to replace if unavailable next Saturday when Wests plays the first semi-final against Balmain. In an exciting finish Newtown gained a one-point lead, 11-10, and then lost it when Billy Keato kicked a magnificent goal from a yard inside halfway. Each side scored three tries, but Wests made more of its chances. Handling blemishes spoilt Newtown's game. Wests played solid football and no player in the back division could be classed as a star. Wests' outstanding forwards were Hansen and Horder, each of whom played robust football, crashing ahead with the ball and testing the defence every time they gained possession. They scored two of the three tries gained by Wests, Horder going through Kennerson's tackle by sheer determination. Hansen, who scored the first try, made full use of his weight to force his way over. Both these forwards are non-stop workers and by playing cleanly they seldom give away a penalty. Smith played well for Newtown, starting the move that resulted in Jacobson's try. He gathered a ball which Stanmore tossed behind him and sent Jacobson away on a brilliant run. Jacobson also handled in the move which ended when Kennerson came up on the outside to score after every Newtown back had the ball. **(The Sun 22nd August 1948)**

Minor Premiers and winners of the Club Championship in the same season is a record of which we are very proud. The Club Championship, which was originated in 1930 to perpetuate the memory of the late Fred Flowers, has never previously been won by Wests. ... Jack Walsh has never played in a Premiership side, but he has great hopes of doing so this year. Jack has proved a great asset to Wests, not only as a player but also as a leader...Congratulations to Billy Keato on that grand goal last Saturday from just on halfway which gave us the lead when things were just beginning to look grim...Col Hudson has had a rapid rise in football. Previous to coming to us he played in the Army, at the start of the season was graded in our thirds, and today is playing with the firsts in the semi-final...Nev Hogan is now playing the best football of his career. Nev has one great asset. He is as tough as any half we have seen and the harder the going the better he likes it. **(Rugby League News 28th August 1948)**

Notes: This was a typically tough forward clash with Newtown, who were fired up with "Bumper" Farrell playing his 200th game. Frank Stanmore played on with a possible fractured arm suffered early in the match and Jack Lackey came in for Pat Leal who had a bruised shin. The match was 5-all at half-time and still in doubt until the final five minutes when Keato kicked a magnificent goal from half-way to hit the lead and then Bennett scored a match-winning try. It gave Wests the Club Championship for the first time as well as, of course, being Minor Premiers.