



# 1952 Round 18 Saturday 23rd August Cricket Ground



## Western Suburbs 21

def.

## Manly-Warringah 12

George BAIN  
 Bill CALLINAN  
 Col RATCLIFF  
 Jack FITZGERALD  
 Keith CULLEN  
 Gerry LOWE  
 Leo TREVENA  
 Peter McLEAN (c)  
 Ron WATSON  
 Don SCHOFIELD  
 Bill HORDER  
 Hec FARRELL  
 Kevin HANSEN

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

Ron BEAUMONT  
 Ron ROWLES  
 Jim SULLIVAN  
 Gordon WILLOUGHBY  
 Jack LUMSDEN  
 Wally O'CONNELL (c)  
 Ken ARTHURSON  
 George HUNTER  
 Jack HERBERT  
 Mervyn McCANN  
 Reg MORTON  
 George KEMPSHALL  
 Syd FISCHER

### Tries

Bill CALLINAN (3)  
 Don SCHOFIELD (2)

Jack LUMSDEN  
 Wally O'CONNELL

### Goals

George BAIN (3)

Ron ROWLES (3)

### Match Description

**Manly-Warringah:** Full-back: R Beaumont; three-quarters: R Rowles, G Willoughby, J Sullivan, J Lumsden; five-eighth: W O'Connell (c); half: K Arthurson; forwards: G Hunter, J Herbert, M McCann, R Morton, G Kempshall, S Fischer

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: G Bain; three-quarters: W Callinan, J Fitzgerald, C Ratcliffe, K Cullen; five-eighth: G Lowe; half: L Trevena; forwards: P McLean (c), D Schofield, R Watson, K Hansen, H Farrell, W Horder **Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News 13th September 1952)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League officials and players were shocked that no action was taken yesterday by referee Aub Oxford at S.C.G. for what they regarded as a blatant stiff-arm tackle that knocked out half-back Leo Trevena. Later, Trevena had two stitches put in his lip. ...Trevena was racing after the ball near Manly- Warringah's line about 15 minutes before the final bell. Wally O'Connell barged into him. Trevena fell writhing in pain. He was conveyed to the dressing-room for medical attention and took no further part in the game. Trevena, however, will be fit to play next Saturday. Wests' secretary, Mr. Lou Moses was asked for a comment on the incident. He said: 'I am surprised the referee did not take action. I am further surprised that all referees are not taking more action against players who indulge in deliberate tactics with stiff-arm tackles. Wests' president (Mr. Jack Neill) and the coach (Tom McMahon) were others who were indignant. ... The first semi-final will be played next Saturday on S.C.G. between Western Suburbs and South Sydney who are third in the final four. .... Yesterday's display did not reach the high spots of Rugby League football through Wests' inability to finish off attacking movements. Their hooker H. Farrell got such a dominating possession of the ball from the scrums that the players nearly swallowed it. Wests won the ball by the enormous margin of 32 to 15. In the first half they won the scrums 21-7, and had Manly-Warringah chasing the ball with almost perpetual motion. The team that chases the ball cannot score tries. .... Wests never looked like being beaten. Their weakness, especially in the first half, was the uncertainty of the two centres, Ratcliffe and Fitzgerald, who were not aided in penetration by the frequent inability of their five-eighth, Jerry Lowe, to get the backs moving. Reason for Wests' victory was possession from the scrums, fine leadership, and all-round play of lock forward Peter McLean, aided by a pretty solid pack in Hansen Farrell, Horder, Schofield and Watson. The strong, resolute running of the two wingers, Callinan, who scored three fine tries, and Cullen, together with the able kicking of fullback Bain, completed the picture of Wests' success. ... Nobody played a better game on the ground than Peter McLean who capped a fine effort shortly before the final bell in the best movement of the whole match that resulted in a try. The movement began on Wests' 25 line where McLean beat off tackles and ran 30 yards to pass to Watson, to Callinan, to Schofield who shot through for the try. Callinan is a winger with prospect. In the first try he went through a couple of tackles. In the second he took the pass from Fitzgerald to run through Rowles. Callinan's third try was a beauty. McLean picked up a 'mulled' pass to O'Connell on his own 25 line. Running on for 40 yards, he kicked. Following on fast, Callinan picked up and raced across to score. .... Official attendance 15,862. **(Truth 24th August 1952)**

West half-back Leo Trevena retired from the field 17 minutes before the end and did not return. He had two stitches put in a cut upper lip, and had to drink his glass of beer after the match through a straw..... **(The Sunday Herald 24th August 1952)**

**Notes:** Hec Farrell returned for this match and duly won the scrums 32-15. The excess of possession wasn't very well used by the Wests' backs who 'bombed' many chances, although winger, Bill Callinan, scored three good tries. Peter McLean was back to his absolute best and, although going to half when Leo Trevena went off injured, set up Schofield's second try. Trevena had been forced off after a vicious stiff-arm from Manly captain, Wally O'Connell, which saw no action taken, to the chagrin of Wests' officials. Trevena had stitches inserted in his mouth and had to drink his beer after the match through a straw! Poor bugger! In a scare for the semis Col Ratcliff also twisted an ankle. Wests, as Minor Premiers, would now play third placed Souths in the First Semi-Final.