



# 1951 Round 18 Saturday 25th August Pratten Park



## Canterbury 17

Ron WILLEY  
 Frank FLYNN  
 Cec COOPER  
 Fred DUNN  
 Col COOPER  
 Allan SCHWEBEL  
 Ron SMITH  
 Neville CHARLTON  
 Mick LETTE  
 Cedric De BELLE  
 Ken CHARLTON (c)  
 Don SINCLAIR  
 Ron TREUER

def.

## Western Suburbs 11

Don WORNE  
 Jack WALL  
 Jack FITZGERALD  
 Kevin MUDDLELL  
 Bob DIMOND  
 Keith DEACON  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Peter McLEAN (c)  
 Peter LONG  
 Arthur COLLINSON  
 Eddie HOOPER  
 Alan HORNERY  
 Don STAIT



### Tries

Col COOPER  
 Mick LETTE  
 Ron SMITH

Bob DIMOND  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Peter LONG

### Goals

Ron WILLEY (4)

Don WORNE (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Worne; three-quarters: J Wall, R Dimond, J Fitzgerald, K Muddell; five-eighth: K Deacon; half: K Holman; forwards: P McLean (c), P Long, A Collinson, E Hooper, A Hornery, D Stait

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: R Willey; three-quarters: F Flynn, Cec. Cooper, F Dunn, Col. Cooper; five-eighth: A Schwebel; half: R Smith; forwards: N Charlton, M Lette, C De Belle, K Charlton (c), D Sinclair, R Treuer **Referee: A Shiner (Rugby League News 1st September 1951)**

There was no chirrup in the Western Suburbs league side's dressing room after Canterbury- Bankstown had laced the Magpies 17-11 at Pratten Park yesterday. Wests, despite their defeat, retain a semi-final place. They were weak enough in attack. Their defence was almost pathetic. Frequently they trailed the man with the ball for yards before attempting to halt him. When they did tackle, it was so ineffectual that the tackled player was able to get rid of the ball. Three substitute backs in the side failed to work cohesively, with the result that the attack was often jarred. Main offender was five-eighth Keith Deacon, who was too slow off the mark. Holman had to hold his passes too long. And Deacon's lack of pace also slowed down the centres, Fitzgerald and Dimond. Keith Holman had his worst day of the season. His defence was not as sound as usual and Canterbury's last try, scored by half-back Smith, was a presentation when he easily slipped through a weak tackle by Holman. Holman did partly redeem himself with a solo try late in the second half. From half-way he diagonally cut through the Canterbury defence to score. Full-back Don Worne could have pulled the game out of the fire had he had his kicking boots. He could land only one goal from 12 attempts. His rival, Ron Willey, was the best player on the ground. He repeatedly set the backs moving. Late in the second spell he landed a magnificent goal from 10 yards inside his own half. The Berry forwards, despite losing the scrums, outplayed the Wests' six, with hooker Don Sinclair and the two Charltons, Neville and Ken always to the fore. **(Truth 26th August 1951)**

Canterbury won 17-11, after having led 10-5 at half-time. In the first half: \* Wests' winger Bob Dimond beat several Canterbury players in a 50-yard run before scoring. \*Western Suburbs second-row forward Arthur Collinson and Canterbury hooker Don Sinclair received cautions.

\*Referee Shiner disallowed a "try" after Wests' centre Jack Fitzgerald had knocked the corner post. \* Mick Lette (second row) and Col Cooper (winger) scored tries for Canterbury. In the second half Wests used Dimond in the centre and Keith Muddell to the right wing. Second-row forward, Peter Long, scored a try for Wests early in the second half and Willey replied with two goals. A brilliant try by Holman 12 minutes before the end gave Wests a chance, 11-14, but the forwards spoiled almost certain tries. In the final minute Canterbury half-back, Ray Smith, ran from a set scrum at the twenty-five and scored inches from the corner. Wests' second-rower Arthur Collinson was lame throughout the second half. **(The Daily Telegraph 26th August 1951)**

**Notes:** This was a poor way to finish the regular season but Wests still scraped into the semi-finals. Don Worne had a very off day with the kicking (only 1 out of 12) and this was a significant contributing factor to the defeat. Arthur Collinson was injured and was lame for most of the second half. Some shuffling in the backline seemed to bring out the best in Bob Dimond, who scored a brilliant 50 yard side-stepping try, where he beat several Canterbury players.