



1950 Round 2 Monday 10th April Pratten Park



Balmain 22

def.

Western Suburbs 12

Jack DAVIS
 Robert LULHAM
 Joe JORGENSON
 Harold GWYER
 Leo NOSWORTHY
 Tom LAWLER
 Bruce HOPKINS
 Jack HAMPSTEAD
 Fred De BELIN (c)
 Sid RYAN
 Fred FAYERS
 Ken FOGARTY
 Jack SPENCER

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

Bill KEATO
 Jack WALL
 Dev DINES
 Jack WOODS
 Jack LACKEY
 Frank STANMORE
 Keith HOLMAN
 Peter McLEAN
 Ron WATSON
 Vic WILLIAMS
 Jack WALSH (c)
 Alan HORNERY
 Bill HORDER



Tries Robert LULHAM (2)
 Tom LAWLER
 Leo NOSWORTHY

Keith HOLMAN
 Frank STANMORE

Goals Joe JORGENSON (5)

Bill KEATO (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: J Wall, J Woods, D Dines, J Lackey; five-eighth: F Stanmore; Half: K Holman; forwards: P McLean, R Watson, V Williams, W Horder, A Horner, J Walsh (capt)

Balmain: Full-back: J Davis; three-quarters: R Lulham, L Nosworthy, J Jorgenson, H Gwyer; five-eighth: T Lawler; Half: B Hopkins; forwards: J Hampstead, S Ryan, F De Belin (capt), J Spencer, K Fogarty, F Fayers **Referee: J O'Brien (Rugby League News 22nd April 1950)**

Partisan Western Suburbs Rugby League fans yesterday at Pratten Park twice counted out referee Jack O'Brien. The Wests' barrackers claimed two decisions by O'Brien cost their team tries in the match with Balmain. Balmain won by 22 points to 12 after having led 14-5 at half-time. Western Suburbs secretary (Mr. Lou Moses) said he was amazed when the referee ruled against Stanmore for obstruction after he and Holman had executed a perfect scissors movement. "The decision cost Wests a try," he said. "Bill Keato also scored an obvious try late in the game, which referee O'Brien disallowed" Referee O'Brien refused to comment on the criticism. 'The referee could have erred in his "obstruction" ruling against Holman and Stanmore but he was undoubtedly correct when he disallowed the Keato try. **(The Daily Telegraph 11th April 1950)**

Congratulations to Ron Watson on his elevation to First Grade. Ron, who is only a youngster, played outstanding football with the Reserves last season. He is a tireless worker and knows how to use his weight to its best advantage.....we cannot blame the loss of the ball for our defeats up to the present, as Alan Horner has secured more than our share in the two games played. **(Rugby League News 15th April 1950)**

....Half-time Scores: Balmain 14, Western Suburbs 5. Hampstead was injured, and carried off the field just before Keato goaled from 30 yards out. Balmain 14-7. Fogarty broke up a Western Suburbs attack by running almost to half-way. Keato tackled him, but he passed to Lawler, who out-paced Stanmore, Dines, and Lackey to score. Jorgenson goaled. Balmain 19-7. Hampstead and Spencer went through several tackles before Spencer passed to Lulham, who scored. Jorgensen missed. Balmain 22-7. From a scrum on Balmain 25 Holman flashed through on the open side, beat several tackles and scored. Keato goaled. Balmain 22, Western Suburbs 12. **(The Sun 10th April 1950)**

Bill Horder has assumed the role of his great pal, Kev Hansen, as the heaviest man in Wests pack. Bill now scales more than 16 stone and he uses every ounce as tacklers will tell you. Coach Jeff Smith has two useful allies in Jack Walsh and Frank Stanmore to assist him when necessary. Jeff is keen to keep his record with the club intact – he has coached the side so far for a premiership win at his only attempt in 1948. **(Rugby League News 10th April 1950)**

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Notes: This was a fast paced game where Balmain got away to a flying start and Wests came back hard in the match but two disallowed tries made it difficult for them to sustain the comeback. Lou Moses, Wests' Secretary reckoned both tries were legitimate. Frank Stanmore was ruled on an "obstruction" when most commentators said it was simple scissors movement and was a definite try. The match was also significant for the debuts of both Dev Dines and Ron Watson, both 50+ game players, who made strong impressions.