



1951 Round 2 Saturday 14th April North Sydney Oval



Western Suburbs 19

def.

North Sydney 17

Don WORNE
 Jack WALL
 Dev DINES
 Bob DIMOND
 Pat LEAL
 Frank STANMORE (c)
 Keith HOLMAN
 Peter LONG
 Arthur COLLINSON
 Kevin HANSEN
 Bill HORDER
 Alan HORNER
 Brian BEGER

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

Jack O'CONNELL
 Peter O'BRIEN
 Jack PLATER
 Keith MIDDLETON
 John MCLEAN
 Austin SOORLEY
 Johnny ROBIN
 John OLIVE (c)
 Cec WATERS
 Col LAY
 Alan FITZGERALD
 Norm STRONG
 Lloyd HUDSON

Tries Pat LEAL

John McLEAN
 Peter O'BRIEN
 Austin SOORLEY

Goals Don WORNE (8)

Jack O'CONNELL (4)

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back: J O'Connell; three-quarters: J McLean, J Plater, K Middleton, P O'Brien; five-eighth: A Soorley; half: J Robin; forwards: J Olive (c), C Lay, C Waters, L Hudson, N Strong, A Fitzgerald

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Worne; three-quarters: P Leal, R Dimond, D Dines, J Wall; five-eighth: F Stanmore (c); half: K Holman; forwards: A Collinson, P Long, K Hansen, W Horder, A Hornery, B Beger **Referee: T McMahon (Rugby League News 5th May 1951)**

Phenomenal goal kicking by full-back Don Worne enabled Western Suburbs to beat North Sydney 19-17 at North Sydney Oval yesterday. Worne kicked eight goals in succession from 10 attempts. He failed on the last two occasions near full time, when Wests were assured of victory after taking the lead early in the second half. Bad handling cost Norths points. O'Brien, on the wing, failed to gather the ball on two occasions when the goal line was open. However, he also stopped several movements of Wests, when tries seemed certain. Holman and Dines were West's hardest working backs in defence with Collinson starring in the forwards. North Sydney's captain and lock, Jack Olive, kept his men attacking continuously but numerous penalties were given away in dangerous positions. North Sydney scored one remarkable try, when from a half-way kick-off, O'Connell booted the ball deep down midfield with McLean, the winger, following on hard. The ball went through to the goal posts. Dimond failed to gather it and McLean picked it up and dived over the line. **(The Sunday Herald 15th April 1951)**

Losing the lead only in the closing stages, North Sydney were beaten 19-17 by Western Suburbs at North Sydney Oval. It was a bright game for the crowd of 6349. Norths led 12-8 at half-time. Highlight was the grand goal kicking of Wests' full-back Don Worne. He raised the flag eight times, some often from difficult angles, and is proving a worthy successor to Bill Keato. Wests' best were Worne, Holman, Collinson and Hansen. For Norths Soorley, O'Connell, Waters, Strong and Olive were the pick. **(The Sun 15th April 1951)**

..... Western Suburbs won 19-17, after having been behind 8-12 at half-time. North Sydney scored three tries to West's one. West's team was reconstructed after its defeat last week. Its success yesterday was due to two men: Worne and winger Pat Leal, who scored West's only try. Leal's try was an individual effort. In the second half he intercepted a pass at half way and outpaced the opposition. North Sydney should have won comfortably. It was in front by four points at half-time, won the second-half scrums 12-5, and received eight penalties to four. North missed many opportunities of scoring because of bad passing and mishandling at critical moments. Winger Jack McLean scored North's first try when he followed through after the kick off. The ball hit West's goal post and Wests' centre Bob Dimond was fumbling the ball in front of the goal when McLean picked it up and fell over the line. A try by North five-eight Austen Soorley 10 minutes later was the best of the match. From a play-the-ball at half-way the ball went towards the right wing, from Soorley to Olive, to Plater. Soorley followed up and took an in-pass from Plater, caught West off balance, and outpaced three opponents to score near the left-hand corner. North full-back Jack O'Connor failed to convert. ... Five minutes later Worne kicked the goal that won the match for West. In the last 20 minutes both teams tried hard, but there was no additional score. Both teams were very tired towards the end. More than 6000 people saw the match. **(The Daily Telegraph 15th April 1951)**

Notes: In a re-arranged team Peter Long made his debut and Arthur Collinson moved to lock where he starred as the best forward on the field. Pat Leal's try was a great individual effort but the match was won by the stunning goal-kicking of Don Worne who kicked eight in a row. Although out-scored three tries to one, Wests were the better team on the day.