



# 1948 Round 2 Saturday 17th April Pratten Park



**Western Suburbs 14**

**def.**

**Canterbury 11**

Wally TEBBUTT  
 Pat LEAL  
 Eric BENNETT  
 Colin MAXWELL  
 Fred YANZ Jnr  
 Frank STANMORE  
 Neville HOGAN  
 Peter McLEAN  
 Don MILTON  
 Kevin HANSEN  
 Jack WALSH (c)  
 Alan HORNERY  
 Jim SEERY

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

Ken HEMSWORTH  
 Harry EMPTAGE  
 Eddie TRACEY  
 Norman YOUNG  
 Joe WILSON  
 Roy HASSON  
 Bruce HOPKINS  
 Len HOLMES  
 Alister CLARKE  
 Ken CHARLTON  
 Eddie BURNS  
 Roy KIRKALDY  
 Henry PORTER (c)

**Tries**

Eric BENNETT  
 Fred YANZ Jnr

Norman YOUNG (2)  
 Eddie TRACEY

**Goals**

Wally TEBBUTT (4)

Ken HEMSWORTH (1)

**Match Description**

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Tebbutt; three-quarters: P Leal, C Maxwell, E Bennett, F Yanz; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: N Hogan; forwards: P McLean, D Milton, K Hansen, J Seery, A Hornery, J Walsh (c)

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: K Hemsworth; three-quarters: N Young, E Tracey, H Emptage, J Wilson; five-eighth: R Hasson; half: B Hopkins; forwards: L Holmes, K Charlton, A Clarke, H Porter (c), R Kirkaldy, E Burns     **Referee: T McMahon (Rugby League News 24th April 1948)**

Wests promoted Tebbutt from the reserves to fill Keato's place as full-back. Keato has an injured right knee. ... In the first three scrums Hornery out-raked Kirkaldy. .... Canterbury worked its way back and from the next scrum Hogan cut Stanmore out, passed to Bennett, on to Maxwell, who, racing at his top, sent Yanz over for a great try. Tebbutt failed with the kick. Wests led 3-nil. Before a scrum went down, referee Tom McMahon called both hookers out and spoke to them. Then Hornery was injured and received ambulance attention. .... Then came a good try to Canterbury when, from the blind side of a scrum, Hasson sent Young over in the corner. Holmes failed from a difficult angle and the scores were 3-all. Hansen did not resume for Wests. Canterbury was penalised early, and Tebbutt kicked a nice goal from near the touchline, 30 yards out. Wests 5, Canterbury-Bankstown 3. Canterbury scored a great try. Hopkins started the movement near halfway, passed to Hasson, who kicked. Young won the race for the ball and dived on the ball among a mix-up of players to score his second try. Hasson failed to convert and Canterbury took the lead 6-5. Canterbury was over again when Porter, passed to Burns, on to Tracey, who dived over in the corner to score a great try. Holmes also failed with a difficult kick. Canterbury-Bankstown 9, Wests 5. Tebbutt kicked a neat penalty goal for Wests, and Canterbury led 9-7. It was anybody's game now. .... Then came a glorious try, when Hogan sent the ball to Stanmore, to Maxwell, on to Bennett, who scored under the posts for Tebbutt to convert.....**(The Sun 17th April 1948)**

Western Suburbs, with 12 men, defeated Canterbury-Bankstown, 14-11, at Pratten Park. Five players were injured in a game marred by savage tackling and penalties. Kevin Hanson, West's second-row forward, fractured a rib early, and was taken to Western Suburbs Hospital at half-time. Injuries in the second half were: B. Hopkins (broken nose), H. Porter (cut head), N. Hogan (severely cut lip), J. Seery (dislocated finger). After having received treatment on the field, the four players finished the game. .... W. Tebbutt, who replaced Bill Keato at full-back, landed four goals and defended well. **(The Daily Telegraph 18th April 1948)**

Full credit for Western Suburbs 14-11 win over Canterbury-Bankstown yesterday at Pratten Park goes to their youthful hooker, Alan Horney. For his first grade debut he was opposed to the 'iron-men' front row of Porter, Kirkaldy and Burns, but he surprised even the most optimistic of his team's supporters by almost cutting even with 'the master' in the scrums. .... **(Truth 18th April 1948)** Jack Snare, good fellow and great sportsman, has announced his retirement as a player, but still intends to take an interest in the club. Jack is a member of our Committee. **(Rugby League News 17th April 1948)**.....Congratulations to Alan Hornery and Wally Tebbutt on their grand games in their first grade debuts. Both these boys came from the victorious 1947 President Cup team, and they have a very bright future in front of them. **(Rugby League News 24th April 1948)**

**Notes:** There is no doubt the level of ferocious and, close to illegal, tackling was starting to take its toll. Kevin Hansen was off early with a broken rib and taken to hospital but Neville Hogan also had a badly cut lip and Jim Seery a dislocated finger. Alan Hornery made his debut for the injured Spence and was impressive in breaking even with the experienced front row of Porter, Burns and Kirkaldy. Both hookers were cautioned early. Wally Tebbutt made his debut as well for Bill Keato who had an injured knee. This was a very impressive win with 12 men against a rampaging Canterbury.