



# 1945 Round 3 Saturday 5th May Belmore Oval



## Western Suburbs 12

def.

## Canterbury 11

Dick JOHNSON  
 Jack SNARE  
 Bob ANDREWS  
 Eric BENNETT  
 Fred YANZ Jnr  
 Jack RUSSELL  
 Roy DREVES \*  
 Jack WALSH (c)  
 Jim SEERY  
 Cliff PEIME  
 Ken IBBETT  
 Frank DODSON  
 Wal TAYLOR

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

Lin JOHNSON  
 Merv DENTON  
 Ron BAILEY  
 Vince WHALE  
 Jim COLLINS  
 George ENDYCOTT  
 Les BENNETT  
 Ted ANDERSON  
 George KILHAM (c)  
 Len HOLMES  
 Bob ALLISON  
 Roy KIRKALDY  
 Eddie BURNS (c)

### Tries

Bob ANDREWS  
 Eric BENNETT

Ron BAILEY  
 Merv DENTON  
 George KILHAM

### Goals

Ken IBBETT (3)

George ENDYCOTT (1)

### Match Description

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: L Johnson; three-quarters: M Denton, R Bailey, L Whale, J Collins; halves: G Endicott, L Bennett; forwards; E Anderson, G Kilham, C Holmes, R Allison, R Kirkaldy, E Burns

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: R Johnson; three-quarters: J Snare, R Andrews, E Bennett, F Yanz; halves: J Russell, R Dreves; forwards: J Walsh, C Peime, J Seery, K Ibbett, F Dodson, W Taylor **Referee: T McMahon (Rugby League News 19th May 1945)**

From a scrum in Canterbury's 25, Bailey tried to burst through, but was well tackled by Walsh. .... Canterbury was penalised right in front, and this time Ibbett made no mistake. Western Suburbs 2, Canterbury-Bankstown nil. The full-backs, Dick and Lin Johnson indulged in a kicking duel, but Dick easily out-kicked his brother and Wests was on Canterbury's line. .... Burns was penalised 35 yards out near the touch-line and Ibbett again made no mistake with a great kick to make the scores: Wests 4, Canterbury nil. Yanz secured near half-way, passed to Seery, to E. Bennett, to Snare, back to E. Bennett, who dived over near their corner to score. Ibbett again kicked a great goal to convert, and Wests led by nine to nil. Wests scored again when Yanz again made the opening by picking up the rolling ball in the open and racing ahead, transferred to Andrews, who scored well out. Western Suburbs 12, Canterbury Bankstown nil. Half-time scores: Western Suburbs 12, Canterbury nil. From a ruck, Bailey shot over on his own, near the corner, to score. Endicott missed with the kick and scores were: Western Suburbs 12, Canterbury-Bankstown 3. Denton secured from Endicott, shot over in the corner, and improved his position to score a good try. Endicott added the extras and the scores were: Western Suburbs 12, Canterbury 8. Playing great football, Canterbury scored again when Allison sent Kilham over in the other, corner for a try, but Endicott failed with the kick. Western Suburbs 12, Canterbury 11. **(The Sun 5th May 1945)**

Drastic changes in playing tactics at half-time led to a transformation in Canterbury- Bankstown's, display against Western Suburbs yesterday, and nearly gave them the game. The changes were decided on by Canterbury-Bankstown's coach, Billy Kelly, after his team, had been down 12-0 at-half-time. The team was eventually beaten 12-11. As play swung from one end of the field to the other in the last 20 minutes, the 6600 spectators were more excited than I have seen a crowd for five years. With a surplus of the ball, Endycott(half) and "Whale (centre) played so badly early that they disorganised Canterbury-Bankstown's whole team. .... With the score 12-11 their defence was magnificent, and they never missed an opportunity to move goal-wards. Darrell Ibbett has eased their lack of an accurate goal kicker. He kicked three from six attempts, one from the side line. Yanz made several 50-yard bursts on the wing, completely outplaying the experienced Denton. The Johnson brothers, Dick (Wests) and Lin (Canterbury) had a grand duel, with honours about even. Peime was the best forward on the ground, and must have strong claims when the State team is selected. .... J. SHARMAN. **(The Daily Telegraph 6th May 1945)**

Congratulations to K Ibbett on his excellent game. What a difference a goal-kicker makes to the side.....Fred Yanz played his best game on Saturday. Fred has natural football ability, and now he is gaining more confidence in himself he should go on to bigger things. **(Rugby League News 12th May 1945)**

**Notes:** Kenneth Daryl Ibbett came in for the suspended Arthur Clues and made the difference with his goal-kicking. "Duck" Walsh went to lock and Eric Bennett out to the centres so Roy Dreves could make his debut at half. Fred Yanz played a blinder; his best game so far for Wests. Wests led 12-0 at half-time and held off a determined Canterbury-Bankstown who had made positional changes at half-time which had great effect. An interesting fact in this match was that the brothers Johnson, Lin and Dick, opposed each other at full-back, coming off square. Note the report of ex-champion Jimmy Sharman who had taken up sports reporting. \* Roy Dreves was actually Roy Ainsworth playing under a false name