1950 Round 4 Saturday 22nd April Cumberland Oval

Western Suburbs 17   drew with   Parramatta 17

Western Suburbs		Parramatta
Bill KEATO	*Fullback*	Col SCHOMBERG
Jack WALL	*Wing*	Jack HENNIKER
Jack WOODS	*Centre*	Don GRAHAM
Jack FITZGERALD	*Centre*	Ian JOHNSTON
Jack LACKEY	*Wing*	Mitchell WALLACE
Frank STANMORE	*Five-eighth*	Rolf TRUDGETT
Keith HOLMAN	*Half*	Lance THOMPSON
Peter McLEAN	*Lock*	Don REGAN
Don MILTON	*Second Row*	Bruce MANN
Ron WATSON	*Second Row*	Bob HOBBS (c)
Bill HORDER	*Front Row*	George ROBERTSON
Alan HORNERY	*Hooker*	Phil McCARROLL
Jack WALSH (c)	*Front Row*	Max WILSON

Tries	Bill HORDER	Mitchell WALLACE (2)
	Don MILTON	Jack HENNIKER
	Ron WATSON	
Goals	Bill KEATO (4)	Bob HOBBS (4)

Match Description
Parramatta: Full-back: C Schomberg; three-quarters; J Henniker, I Johnston, D Graham, M Wallace; five-eighth: R Trudgett; half: L Thompson; forwards: D Regan, B Mann, R Hobbs (c), M Wilson, P McCarroll, G Robertson
Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: J Wall, J Woods, J Fitzgerald, J Lackey; five-eighth: F Stanmore; Half: K Holman; forwards: P McLean, R Watson, D Milton, W Horder, A Hornery, J Walsh (capt)   **Referee: D Lawler   (Rugby League News 29th April 1950)**

A magnificent try in the corner on fulltime enabled Parramatta to level the scores at 17-all against Western Suburbs at Parramatta, where the home side had trailed for most of the match. Leading 17-14 within two minutes of the final bell Wests seemed assured of its first win of the season when Henniker on the wing dived for the corner with four opponents bearing down on him. Hobb's kick from the sideline missed narrowly. Early in the first half Hobbs was also unfortunate when a penalty kick from well out struck an upright and rebounded infield. Each side scored three tries and four goals, Wests' tries being scored by forwards and Parramatta's by the wingers. Breaking about even in the scrums, Parramatta was awarded the majority of the penalties. Wallace on the wing excelled in scoring two brilliant tries after long runs. Mann played tirelessly in the forwards. One tricky run by Wall landed him over the line, but the ball was taken off him before he could ground it. Walsh sustained a nasty gash on the side of the head, but he returned to the field with his head heavily bandaged and protected by headgear. **(The Sun 23rd April 1950)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League forward Jack Walsh yesterday returned to the field at Parramatta Oval after a doctor had put four stitches in a cut in his head. West and Parramatta played a 14-all draw. Walsh suffered a deep wound in his scalp soon after half-time when he fell against an opponent's boot. One of the toughest forwards in Rugby League, Walsh sat in the dressing-room while a doctor stitched the, wound. He then ignored officials, who pleaded with him to rest, and ran back to the field with his head heavily bandaged. ….. **(Daily Telegraph 23rd April 1950)**

If poor play had been like a ton of eggs, Parramatta and Wests together would have been able to start a League poultry farm yesterday at Parramatta. Parramatta's bad handling was responsible for the loss of certain points when the tryline was undefended. West's played well in an off-handed kind of way and failed to gain a certain five points when Wall, Wests' right winger was prevented from grounding the ball by Schomberg. … **(Truth 23rd April 1950)**

Jack Woods is starting to show something like his form of last season. Jack originally came from the Northern Suburbs Club at Newcastle ……Jack Lackey is now back to his best form. Jack is a most deceptive runner, and his best asset is that he knows where the try line is and goes straight for it. **(Rugby League News 6th May 1950)**

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Notes: This was a very close match which Wests were unlucky to draw. Parramatta scored a drawing try right on the bell and the match-winning goal only just missed. Jack Walsh had a head wound which required four stitches and a trip to hospital after the match. Parramatta scored a try while he was off the field. Wests also lost a try when Jack Wall got over the line but had the ball stolen as he was grounding it. Two interesting aspects of the match were a very big brawl which broke out in the crowd, which police struggled to subdue, and also that the referee was Darcy Lawler, refereeing his first match for Wests. Shame it wasn't his last!