1948 Round 4 Monday 26th April Pratten Park

Western Suburbs 41   def.   Manly-Warringah 10

Western Suburbs	Position	Manly-Warringah
Wally TEBBUTT	*Fullback*	Ron BEAUMONT
Pat LEAL	*Wing*	Johnny BLISS
Colin MAXWELL	*Centre*	Cyril McMAHON (c)
Eric BENNETT (c)	*Centre*	Gordon WILLOUGHBY
Fred YANZ Jnr	*Wing*	Neil McDONNELL
Frank STANMORE	*Five-eighth*	Geoffrey TRUEMAN
Neville HOGAN	*Half*	Ron SMITH
Peter McLEAN	*Lock*	Ritchie BURKE
Bernie PURCELL	*Second Row*	Keith KIRKWOOD
Don MILTON	*Second Row*	Charles ROBINSON
Bill HORDER	*Front Row*	Colin WHITEHEAD
Alan HORNERY	*Hooker*	Len JOHNSON
Jim SEERY	*Front Row*	Fred BROWN

Tries	Eric BENNETT (2)	Ritchie BURKE
	Fred YANZ Jnr (2)	Gordon WILLOUGHBY
	Neville HOGAN	
	Pat LEAL	
	Frank STANMORE	
Goals	Wally TEBBUTT (8)	Cyril MCMAHON (1)
	Bernie PURCELL (2)	Charles ROBINSON (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, B Purcell, J Seery, A Hornery, W Horder
Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Beaumont; three-quarters: J Bliss, C McMahon, N McDonnell, G Willoughby; five-eighth: G Truman; half: R Smith; forwards: C Robinson, R Burke, K Kirkwood, M Whitehead, L Johnson, F Brown   **Referee: R Smyth (Rugby League News 15th May 1948)**

Western Suburbs had a run-away win over Manly-Warringah,41-10, at Pratten Park. West led by 17 points to 5 at half-time, adapting its tactics well to offset Manly's big share of the ball from the scrums. When West's backs did get the ball, their hard, piercing thrusts and backing up brought results. In the second half, West lost winger Yanz, who strained a knee ligament. On the other wing, Leal had the better of a duel with State winger Johnny Bliss. Bliss was playing his first game of the season, after recovering from a leg injury. **(Sydney Morning Herald 27th April 1948)**

About six thousand were present when the first grade game commenced. Manly was penalised inside their own 25 and Tebbutt missed the goal. Truman put Manly on the attack with a long run, but Burke overran the ball, and when Wests were penalised for a scrum breach McMahon goaled. Manly 2-nil. Wests then scored a glorious try, when Stanmore broke away and raced over 40 yards before sending to Maxwell, to Yanz, who scored under the posts for Tebbutt to goal. Wests 5-2. Neal was spoken to by the referee and again Stanmore broke clear to send to McLean, to Bennett, who scored under the posts. Tebbutt goaled. Wests 10-2. Both hookers, Hornery and Johnson, had now won six scrums and when Neal broke away, he went down under a mass of Manly forwards. Wests were penalised at halfway and McMahon found touch inches from the line. Kirkwood dashed away and sent to Whitehead to Bourke, who crashed his way over in the corner. McMahon failed at goal. Wests 10-5. Beaumont gained over 50 yards with a long kick and from a scrum on Wests' line, Manly were penalised. Kirkwood then broke away and sent to McMahon, who was stopped. Again a penalty to Wests brought relief. McMahon was hurt but went back into the game limping badly. Beaumont again put Manly on the attack with a great line kick and play went across field, where Willoughby broke away but was stopped by Yanz. Burke was penalised and Purcell goaled. Wests 12-5. Stanmore put Wests further ahead when he raced over 40 yards to score under the posts for Purcell to goal. Wests 17-5. Half-time Scores: Wests 17, Manly 5. **(The Sun 26th April 1948)**

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Notes: Reports were relatively scanty on this game as it was played on a Monday after Anzac Day. Bill Horder made his debut, replacing the injured Jack Walsh. Although beaten in the scrums, it was obvious that the dashing Wests' backs were clearly superior, scoring all of the seven tries. The win had further merit because Yanz was forced off in the second half with an injured knee. The problem in the backs for Manly were emphasised by the need for a special meeting to discuss their recent heavy losses.