



1950 Round 5 Tuesday 25th April Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 25

def.

Manly-Warringah 18

Bill KEATO
 Jack WALL
 Jack FITZGERALD
 Jack WOODS
 Jack LACKEY
 Frank STANMORE (c)
 Keith HOLMAN
 Peter McLEAN
 Don MILTON
 Ron WATSON
 Jack WILLIAMS
 Alan HORNERY
 Bill HORDER

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

Ron BEAUMONT
 Gordon WILLOUGHBY
 Ron ROWLES
 Ray BLACK
 Johnny BLISS
 Cyril McMAHON
 Perce PRITCHARD
 Jack FIELDS
 Jack HERBERT
 Jack HUBBARD
 Fred BROWN
 Kevin SCHUBERT (c)
 Roy BULL

Tries

Peter MCLEAN
 Frank STANMORE
 Jack WOODS

Johnny BLISS
 Jack HUBBARD
 Cyril McMAHON
 Ron ROWLES

Goals

Bill KEATO (8)

Ron ROWLES (3)

Match Description

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Beaumont; three-quarters: J Bliss, R Black, R Rowles, G Willoughby; five-eighth: C McMahon; half: P Pritchard; forwards: J Fields, J Herbert, J Hubbard, F Brown, K Schubert (capt), R Bull

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: J Wall, J Woods, J Fitzgerald, J Lackey; five-eighth: F Stanmore (capt); Half: K Holman; forwards: P McLean, R Watson, D Milton, W Horder, A Hornery, J Williams **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 6th May 1950)**

Full-back Bill Keato's great goal-kicking at Pratten Park yesterday gave Western Suburbs Rugby League side its first win of the season. Western Suburbs defeated Manly- Warringah, 25-18, after the teams had been 7-all at half-time. Keato kicked eight goals in 10 attempts, the last six in succession. Six of the kicks were from the sideline. Western Suburbs president (Mr. Jack Neill) said: "I've seen Keato kick more goals in a match, but his kicking today is the most accurate in a Pratten Park game for five years. When the scores were level at half -time after Wests had played against a stiff breeze, Jack Walsh tipped a 10-points win for his team. Walsh, the usual Western Suburbs captain, stood down because of a head injury. During the second-half: * Keato kicked six goals.* McLean (WS.) scored a try that was questioned by Manly players* McMahon (M.W.) fooled half-a-dozen Wests' players with a dummy when he scored. Stanmore cut through the Manly defence in a dazzling run from the "25" to score a try after he had side-stepped six opponents.* Front-row forwards R. Bull (M.-W.) and W; Horder (WSJ) were cautioned for scrum infringements. McLean's try, early in the second half, started a West offensive that was fairly well-maintained until the end. Manly trailed, 7-14, after Manly centre Rowles had run 60 yards to score near the posts. Keato kicked another goal, and midway through the second half Wests led, 16-10. Manly won a scrum on the 25, and McMahon fooled the defence with a dummy. He had scored near the posts before spectators realised what had happened. When Rowles kicked the goal, Manly trailed one point. Keato kicked two more goals before Stanmore scored the best try of the season. The try and Keato's goal ruined any chance Manly may have had. Bliss' try, which came after the final bell, had no influence on the result. Alan Hornery (W.S.) was beaten, 27-31, by Test hooker Kevin Schubert in the set scrums. Stanmore had a stitch inserted in a lip wound and Beaumont had three stitches in a facial cut. After the game, referee George Bishop had to seek medical treatment. He said: "I got too close to a scrum and was kicked on the shin." **(The Daily Telegraph 26th April 1950)**

Frank Stanmore gave a magnificent display against Manly and his handling of the team in his capacity as captain was outstandingOne out of the bag was the game played by Ron Watson. Ronnie, 21 years of age, is the most promising forward we have had for years, and it would not surprise to see him make one of the rep. teams this year.....Bill Horder, whom we consider unlucky last season to miss the New Zealand tour, is again playing good football. Bill has the weight and speed that is required against the Englishmen in the coming Tests. **(Rugby League News 29th April 1950)**

Notes: This match was played on a quick back-up on the Tuesday, Anzac Day. This was Wests' first win of the season and, although a couple of the tries were contentious, Wests deserved the win. Bill Keato was in fine kicking form: 8 out of 10, the last six in a row. Frank Stanmore's try was the best of the season, revelling in the captaincy in place of Jack Walsh. Bill Horder also showed a return to his Test form.