



# 1949 Round 6 Saturday 14th May Brookvale Oval



## Western Suburbs 17

def.

## Manly-Warringah 13

Bill KEATO  
Jack WOODS  
Jack FITZGERALD  
Eric BENNETT (c)  
Jack LACKEY  
Frank STANMORE  
Keith HOLMAN  
Peter McLEAN  
Don MILTON  
Kevin HANSEN  
George LOVELL  
Alan HORNER  
Jim SEERY

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

Ron BEAUMONT  
Gordon WILLOUGHBY  
Neil McDONNELL  
Merv GILLMER (c)  
Jim WALSH  
George HUNTER  
Len WALTON  
Alf BARRETT  
Keith KIRKWOOD  
Jack HUBBARD  
Fred BROWN  
Len JOHNSON  
Roy BULL

### Tries

Eric BENNETT  
Keith HOLMAN  
Frank STANMORE

Alf BARRETT  
Merv GILLMER  
Keith KIRKWOOD

### Goals

Bill KEATO (4)

Merv GILLMER (2)

### Match Description

**Manly-Warringah:** Full-back: R Beaumont; three-quarters: J Walsh, M Gilmer (capt), N McDonnell, G Willoughby; five-eighth: G Hunter; half: L Walton; forwards: A Barrett, K Kirkwood, J Hubbard, F Brown, L Johnson, R Bull

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: J Lackey, E Bennett, J Fitzgerald, J Woods; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: K Holman; forwards; P McLean, D Milton, K Hansen, J Seery, A Hornery, G Lovell **Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News May 21st 1949)**

Wests were very lucky to beat Manly-Warringah by 17-13 in their Rugby League match at Brookvale yesterday. Beaten for the ball 26-17, Manly were rarely out of Wests' territory. In the last few minutes of the game Willoughby, Kirkwood and, Beaumont were pulled down inches from Wests' line. Missed attempts at goal lost the game for Manly. Gilmer failed with a shot dead in front and only 15 yards out. Trailing 7-11 at half-time, Wests only went into Manly's territory on half a dozen occasions in the second half. They scored two converted tries from these advances. Wests have slipped badly from the standard they set last year as premiers and will have to improve out of sight to have a chance in the premiership. .... Keith Holman was the pick of Wests backs. (**The Sun 15th May 1949**)

Injuries to two of its best players, and a missed goal from a penalty kick, cost Manly-Warringah its match against Western Suburbs at Brookvale Oval yesterday. Western Suburbs won, 17-13 after it had trailed 7-11 at half-time. It put on 10 points to Manly's two in the last quarter-of-an-hour. Referee Arthur Oxford cautioned players of both teams four times for rough play. The two Manly players injured are: Inside centre Merv Gilmer, Five-eighth George Hunter. Gilmer received a leg injury in the first few minutes' play of the second half. He was a "passenger" for the rest of the match. The injury to Gilmer was a blow to Manly-Warringah. After the injury Gilmer, who had been combining splendidly with Hunter, was moved out to the wing. There he could only hobble about, and was a "passenger" Gilmer's transfer to the wing made the job harder for Hunter. .... Manly missed a goal from a penalty kick early in the second half which would have given it a 13-7 lead. Hunter's penetrative moves and tackling were outstanding features of the match. Manly-Warringah was unlucky not to score in the last few minutes' play. Half-back L; Walton might easily have scored himself when, near, the Western Suburbs line, he passed the ball, back into the forwards. West won scrums. 26-17, but did not do as much with the ball as expected from a leading backline. .... Leading West forward Kevin Hansen was kept quiet. West's best back was Jack Woods, who played on the wing in the first half, and as outside centre in the second half. He was always dangerous when in possession, and tackled splendidly. ... Each team scored three tries. Western Suburbs full-back, W. Keato, kicked four goals from five attempts. (**The Daily Telegraph 15th May 1949**)

Manly had us many anxious moments right up to the final bell, and if they hold that form they will create some surprises before the season finishes.... George Lovell, given his chance in First Grade against Manly, has retained his place. George does more than his fair share of work in the rucks. (**Rugby League News May 21st 1949**)

**Notes:** By all accounts Wests were lucky to win this match. It was fiercely contested with lots of cautions and Manly had two injured players and missed simple shots at goal. They only missed by inches from scoring on full-time. George Lovell made his debut and Jack Fitzgerald came in for the still injured Maxwell. Keith Holman needed ambulance attention a couple of times during the match and Kevin Hansen had another quiet game.