



# 1950 Round 6 Saturday 29th April Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 24

def.

## Canterbury 19

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

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

Ron WILLEY  
 Alan CRUMPTON  
 Cec COOPER  
 Athol HALPIN  
 Frank FLYNN  
 Tom BYRNE  
 Jim COLLINS  
 Nev CHARLTON  
 Len HOLMES  
 Cedric De BELLE  
 Eddie BURNS (c)  
 Don SINCLAIR  
 Ken CHARLTON

### Tries

Jack FITZGERALD  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Bill KEATO  
 Jack LACKEY

Cedric De BELLE  
 Frank FLYNN  
 Len HOLMES

### Goals

Bill KEATO (6)

Ron WILLEY (5)

### Match Description

**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

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: R Willey; three-quarters: A Crumpton, C Cooper, A Halpin, F Flynn; five-eighth: T Byrne; half: J Collins; forwards: N Charlton, C De-Belle, L Holmes, K Charlton, D Sinclair, E Burns (c) **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 13th May 1950)**

Western Suburbs fullback Bill Keato scored a try and kicked two goals in the last five minutes against Canterbury-Bankstown at Pratten Park yesterday. These points enabled his team to win 24-19. Earlier, Keato had been barracked for missing several kicks. Quick thinking by Wests' half Keith Holman swung the game in the home side's favour when trailing 14-19 close on full-time. Holman caught the opposition unawares by shooting around the blind side of a scrum, and, though bumped heavily, he managed to ground the ball before stumbling into touch-in-goal. Keato's goal from the sideline levelled the scores, and a minute later the full-back scored after joining in a three-quarter-line movement, and he converted his own try. The game was marred by frequent infringements, but the tackling was hard. Outstanding in this department was Canterbury's full-back, Ron Willey, who gave a magnificent exhibition of general all-round play. Stanmore, who combined splendidly with Holman, made many evasive runs, and, though harassed by several defenders, his pass which led to Fitzgerald's try was perfectly timed. Horder, Williams, and Watson worked solidly among the home forwards. Collins and Byrne (backs) and De Belle, Holmes and Nev Charlton were conspicuous for the losers. **(The Sun 30th April 1950)**

Western Suburbs defeated Canterbury-Bankstown in a sensational finish, 24-10, at Pratten Park yesterday. Canterbury-Bankstown had led 12-7 at half-time. With the scores 19-all and only five minutes to go West's winning try was a gem. The ball was gained from a scrum near the touch line and Holman sent a long pass to Stanmore who in turn passed to Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald timed a pass to full-back Keato who came into the movement to make the extra man and score near the posts. Keato then kicked his sixth goal. He scored 15 of Wests' points. Stanmore and Holman gave a classic display of how half-backs should co-operate in both attack and defence. Stanmore changed the point of attack very cleverly and was continually finding openings in the defence that made him the outstanding player of his side, notwithstanding Keato's phenomenal scoring. The two half-backs were instrumental in making the opening which enabled both Fitzgerald and Lackey to score their tries. Holman's solo effort on the blind side to score stamps this player as much above the average. Canterbury-Bankstown led for most of the game - in fact the only time they actually lost the lead was when their opponents scored the winning try and goal. Credit must be given to Canterbury's full-back R. Willey. He was brilliant and made many dashing runs, beating man after man, and changing defence into attack. His goal-kicking was accurate. He kicked four goals from six attempts. **(The Daily Telegraph 30th April 1950)**

**Notes:** This was a very good win by Wests. They trailed 10-0 early and were still behind with five minutes to go until a piece of brilliant play by Holman on the blind-side to score an equalling try. Frank Stanmore then set the backs going for Fitzgerald to set up Keato to score the match-winner. Keato scored seven points in the last five minutes. It was a very hard-tackling match and the win gave Wests a much-needed two in a row.