



1951 Round 6 Saturday 5th May Pratten Park



Manly-Warringah 28

def.

Western Suburbs 13

Ron BEAUMONT *Fullback*
 Johnny BLISS *Wing*
 Warren SIMMONS *Centre*
 Gordon WILLOUGHBY *Centre*
 Ron ROWLES *Wing*
 Wally O'CONNELL (c) *Five-eighth*
 Ken ARTHURSON *Half*
 Jack FIELD *Lock*
 Bob GRIMM *Second Row*
 Hilton KIDD *Second Row*
 Fred BROWN *Front Row*
 George KEMPSHALL *Hooker*
 Roy BULL *Front Row*

Don WORNE
 Jack WALL
 Dev DINES
 Bob DIMOND
 Pat LEAL
 Frank STANMORE
 Keith HOLMAN
 Keith CULLEN
 Kevin HANSEN (c)
 Arthur COLLINSON
 Don STAIT
 Alan HORNERY
 Bill HORDER



Tries
 Johnny BLISS (2)
 Gordon WILLOUGHBY (2)
 Roy BULL
 Ron ROWLES

Keith CULLEN
 Dev DINES
 Jack WALL

Goals
 Ron ROWLES (5)

Don WORNE (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Worne; three-quarters: P Leal, R Dimond, D Dines, J Wall; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: K Holman; forwards: A Collinson, K Cullen, K Hansen (c), W Horder, A Hornery, D Stait

Manly-Warringah: Full-Back: R Beaumont; three-quarters: J Bliss, W Simmons, G Willoughby, R Rowles; five-eighth: W O'Connell (capt); half: K Arthurson; forwards: J Field, R Grimm, H Kidd, F Brown, G Kempshall, R Bull **Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News 9th June 1951)**

Manly winger Johnny Bliss yesterday strengthened his claims for representative selection with a dashing display against Western Suburbs at Pratten Park. Manly came from behind, 7-10, at the end of the first half, to beat Western Suburbs by 28 to 13. Bliss scored two tries, and claimed a third, which was ruled against him, in the first half, after he appeared to lose the ball before grounding it. Wests played almost throughout the game virtually a man short. Winger Jack Wall sustained a probable dislocation of a shoulder in the first 10 minutes, after scoring the opening try of the match. He played through the rest of the half, but did not return to the field after the interval. Wests' pack was upset when lock forward Keith Cullen moved out to the wing for Wall. But though playing with a five man pack in the second half, West continued to win the scrums, by a four to one margin. Hooker Alan Hornery beat Manly's replacement hooker, G. Kempshall, 33 to 10, over the match. Despite this tremendous scrum advantage, Wests could not capitalise. The clash between the two Test five-eighths, Frank Stanmore (Wests) and Wal O'Connell (Manly) did not produce the expected fireworks. Both were subdued and little indication of their respective chances of gaining selection in the Sydney first side was given. ... Centres Woods and Des Dines, winger Pat Leal, and forward Bill Horder had been the major threat to Manly over this period. The straight-running Willoughby scored his second try, followed by one from winger Ron Rowles, soon after the opening of the second half. Replacing Wall, Wests' lock, Cullen, scored a diving try in the corner for Wests to draw level 13-13. Bliss then scored his first try, a lone effort. He gathered a loose pass near half-way and ran for the opposite corner, then veered back to score behind the posts. Quick thinking by the two Manly wingers, Rowles and Bliss, clinched Manly's lead. Rowles, trapped after a 30 yard run in mid-field, kicked the ball for Bliss' corner. Bliss raced to gather it up, scored an easy try, and gave Manly its 23-13 lead. Attendance was 8,000. **(The Sunday Herald 6th May 1951)**

Western Suburbs, playing the entire second half one man short, was no match for the more robust Manly League team and was downed 28-13 in a fast and vigorous game at Pratten Park yesterday. Winger J. Wall, who had earlier scored a try, was injured in a tackle shortly before half-time and left the field. Manly's play was varied in contrast to Wests. Captain Wally O'Connell completely overshadowed Frank Stanmore. His penetrating and clever runs cut holes in the ragged Wests' defences. He 'made' three of Manly's tries. Winger Ron Rowles kicked five goals and scored a try. Gordon Willoughby scored two tries. Winger Johnny Bliss showed determination in his running and tallied two tries. Ron Beaumont (fullback) handled cleanly and tackled well. Manly's forwards played a big part in their team's win. Roy Bull, F. Brown and C Kempshall were the best. Half Keith Holman stood out as West's best player. **(Truth 6th May 1951)**

Notes: The match was decided in the first ten minutes when Jack Wall, who had just scored a try, dislocated a shoulder and was a passenger for the rest of the half. He went off after half-time and Wests played the second half with twelve men. They levelled the scores midway through the half but couldn't hold on. Newly promoted lock, Keith Cullen, was forced out on the wing where he scored a good try on debut. Alan Hornery showed his class by still winning the scrums 33-10 with a five man pack but the weight of possession didn't help a tiring side. Keith Holman was the best for Wests, while Kevin Hansen played well in the forwards.