



1948 Round 7 Saturday 12th Cumberland Oval



Western Suburbs 19

def.

Parramatta 6

Bill KEATO
 Jack LACKEY
 Colin MAXWELL
 Eric BENNETT
 Mick THORNTON
 Frank STANMORE
 Neville HOGAN
 Peter McLEAN
 Don MILTON
 Kevin HANSEN
 Jim SEERY
 William BROWN
 Jack WALSH (c)

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

Colin SCHOMBERG
 Johnny SMITH
 Ian JOHNSTON
 Ted EVANS
 Tom WEDESWEILER
 Rolf TRUDGETT
 Jack HAYWOOD
 Arthur SLATTERY (c)
 J JEWELL
 Bruce MANN
 George ROBERTSON
 Neville SPENCE
 Max WILSON



Tries Mick THORNTON (2)
 Don MILTON

Jack HAYWOOD
 J JEWELL

Goals Bill KEATO (5)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: J Lackey, C Maxwell, E Bennett, M Thornton; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: N Hogan; forwards: P McLean, K Hansen, D Milton, J Seery, W Brown, J Walsh (c)

Parramatta: Full-back: C Schomberg; three-quarters: T Evans, T Wedesweiler, J Smith, I Johnston; five-eighth: R Trudgett, half: J Haywood; Forwards: A Slattery, B Mann, J Jewell, M Wilson, N Spence, G Robertson **Referee: C G Pearce (Rugby League News 26th June 1948)**

Bill Keato's five goals and Schomberg's failure to raise the flags, were deciding factors in Wests' 19-6 win over Parramatta at Parramatta Oval. Playing without their injured captain, Vic Hey, the Parramatta defence was grand, and shook the early confidence of Wests' hard-running backs. Their tackling, however, was too high, and Wests often had the overlap when several Parramatta players smothered an opponent. Full-back Schomberg did not relish hard tackling and his weak attempts to stop tries by Thornton and Lackey, together with Parramatta's kicking failures, set the side an impossible task. Wests' half-back, Neville Hogan, was the star, his smart dashes from the scrum finding gaps in the defence. **(The Sun 13th June 1948)**

Wests walloped Parramatta 19-6 in a grudge match at Cumberland Oval. The 5100 rans were disappointed when Vic Hey and Keith Gersbach failed to appear. They were dumbfounded when the substitute three-quarter line, led by Wedesweiler, tied the visitors in knots. Wests fielded a State representative back line except for the wingers, besides Keato at full-back. Wests' back line functioned only thrice in the match, and then Thornton (two) and Milton scored tries. Hogan was continually caught flatfooted and wasted the feast of the ball he had from the scrums. Keato's beano of penalties only showed up his impotency as a line kicker as compared with Schomberg. Best backs were Wedesweiler, Haywood and Stanmore. Jewell and Hanson were the pick of the 'pigs.' **(Truth 13th June 1948)**

Wests are fortunate in having two reliable full-backs in Billy Keato and Wally Tebbutt, both of whom are accomplished goal-kickers. Tebbutt held the fort in excellent fashion while Keato was injured and his play is a great help to our Reserves.... Kev Hanson and Don Milton are doing a marvellous job in the second row. Hanson must be rated one of the unlucky footballers of the year in striking his best form at this late stage of the representative series.... Mick Thornton has proved himself a good utility man for the club and at present is rendering yeoman service on the wing... Wests' followers will be pleased to know Fred Yanz is making good progress and hopes to be back in action in the Magpies shortly. **(Rugby League News 14th June 1948)**

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Notes: This was a convincing win for Wests, helped by Keato's accurate goal-kicking and Schomberg's poor performance. Jim Seery was off injured early but came back onto the field just before half-time. The backs, led early by Neville Hogan, were on top and made numerous breaks. With William Brown winning the scrums convincingly against ex-Wests' rake, Neville Spence, Stanmore and Hogan set the star-studded backline constantly on the attack. The team would have to back up on the Monday against St George, a King's Birthday weekend.