



1950 Round 8 Saturday 27th May Sports Ground



Western Suburbs 16

def.

Eastern Suburbs 15

Bill KEATO
 Jack WALL
 Bob DIMOND
 Jack WOODS
 Jack LACKEY
 Frank STANMORE (c)
 Keith HOLMAN
 Peter McLEAN
 Don MILTON
 Vic WILLIAMS
 Bill HORDER
 Alan HORNER
 Jack WILLIAMS

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

Darcy RUSSELL
 Wally McDONALD
 Ken SAWYER
 Jack COLL
 John SELLGREN
 Robert BANKS
 Ken McCAFFERY
 Ferris ASHTON
 Brian HOLMES
 Reg BEATH
 Vince SOORLEY
 Arthur OXFORD
 Jack McPHERSON (c)

Tries

Bob DIMOND
 Frank STANMORE
 Jack WALL
 Jack WILLIAMS

John SELLGREN (2)
 Wally McDONALD

Goals

Bill KEATO (2)

Darcy RUSSELL (3)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: J Sellgren, J Coll, K Sawyer, W McDonald; five-eighth: R Banks, half: K McCaffery; forwards: F Ashton, B Holmes, R Beath, V Soorley, A Oxford, J McPherson

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: J Wall, J Woods, R Dimond, J Lackey; five-eighth: F Stanmore (capt); Half: K Holman; forwards: P McLean, V Williams, D Milton, W Horder, A Horner, J Williams **Referee: D Lawler (Rugby League News 10th June 1950)**

In an amazing second-half burst, Western Suburbs snatched a thrilling 16-15 Rugby League win over Eastern Suburbs at Sydney Sports Ground yesterday. Easts, playing with the wind, led 15-5 at half-time. They had a grand chance to win when Wests were penalised just prior to the full-time bell, but Russell missed the goal from an easy angle. A highlight of the game was the scintillating display of Kangaroo Bob Dimond, who was making his first appearance of the season. Right through the first half he was content to get the feel of the game, but after interval he played with superlative dash. His try late in the game was a gem, and was easily the brightest movement of the game. Woods proved a perfect partner in the centre for Dimond. Wests' main superiority was in the scrum, where Horner won 29 to Oxford's 18. Horder and V. Williams were the best of the winner's pack, while for Easts, Sellgren and McDonald, in the backs, and Beath and Soorley in the forwards, played soundly. **(The Sun 28th May 1950)**

Western Suburbs snatched a one point League win against East at the Sports Ground yesterday. Wests won 16-15 after having trailed 5-15 at half-time. Frank Stanmore scored the winning try for Wests five minutes before the bell. R. Dimond, making his debut in grade football this year after a serious knee operation, played steadily in the opening half. But in the second-half he gave a classic display of centre three-quarter play. His positional play was flawless, and he was masterful in attack. Dimond scored one brilliant try, and made the opening for two other tries. The match itself was not quite up to this year's standard. In the first half Eastern Suburbs looked a winning side, particularly when J. Sellgren scored two excellent tries. East's third try, scored by W. McDonald, was mainly due to the good work of K. McCaffery, the half. He came round the blindside of the scrum, side stepped J. Wall, and evaded Keato's poor attempt to stop him. He passed to McDonald, who ran 25 yards to score under the posts. Wests' try in the first half was initiated by Stanmore. Dimond and J. Woods handled before giving the ball to J. Wall, who cut inside Russell, East's full-back, to score. It was fitting that Stanmore should have the honour of scoring the winning try with an excellent solo effort. The match ended on an exciting note. Easts were given a penalty 30 yards from the goal posts right on time. But Russell's kick went wide. **(The Daily Telegraph 28th May 1950)**

Don Milton, after having a lean period, is now right back to his best form. There are few more hard-working forwards in the game than Don Noticed Jack Woods doing a lot of good work against Easts. Jack and Bob Dimond should be an ideal pair of centres once they develop the understanding which will come after a few games together. **(Rugby League News 3rd June 1950)**

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Notes: There had been a break for the City/Country, NSW/Qld matches and this had given Keato time for his ribs to heal. Bob Dimond came back to playing after removal of knee cartilage and, after a slow first half, turned on a clinic in the second half, scoring a brilliant try and setting up two others. His combination with Jack Woods was a pleasing feature. Down 15-5 at half-time Wests stormed home, scoring the winning try with five minutes to go. Don Milton played a blinder and was back to his top form.