



# 1950 Round 9 Saturday 10th June Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 27

def.

## North Sydney 5

Bill KEATO  
 Jack WALL  
 Bob DIMOND  
 Jack WOODS  
 Jack LACKEY  
 Dev DINES  
 Leo TREVENA  
 Peter McLEAN (c)  
 Don MILTON  
 Kevin HANSEN  
 Bill HORDER  
 Alan HORNERY  
 Jack WILLIAMS

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

John SULLIVAN  
 Peter O'BRIEN  
 Ron CROSSLEY (c)  
 Martin GALLAGHER  
 Jack DICKERSON  
 Bob SULLIVAN  
 Keith CARROLL  
 John OLIVE  
 Cec WATERS  
 Col LAY  
 Alan FITZGERALD  
 Norm STRONG  
 Lloyd HUDSON

### Tries

Bob DIMOND (2)  
 Dev DINES  
 Jack WOODS  
 Jack WILLIAMS

Bob SULLIVAN

### Goals

Bill KEATO (6)

John SULLIVAN (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: J Wall, J Woods, R Dimond, J Lackey; five-eighth: D Dines; Half: L Trevena; forwards: P McLean (capt), K Hansen, D Milton, W Horder, A Hornery, J Williams

**North Sydney:** Full-back: J Sullivan; three-quarters: P O'Brien, R Crossley, M Gallagher, J Dickerson; five-eighth: R Sullivan; half: K Carroll; forwards: J Olive, C Waters, C Lay, A Fitzgerald, N Strong, L Hudson **Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News 24th June 1950)**

International Rugby League players Bob Dimond and Kevin Hansen starred in Western Suburbs' 27-5 win over North Sydney at Pratten Park yesterday. Dimond, who played outside centre, scored two tries and made two 40-yard dashes. Hansen yesterday played his first game of the season for Western Suburbs. He had played earlier this season for Condobolin. He made several good runs and figured in almost every Western Suburbs attacking movement. Dimond returned to grade football two weeks ago, after having been out since early in the season with an injured knee. His second try yesterday was brilliant. From a scrum on North's 25-yard line the ball came out to Dimond. Dimond ran straight; shook off one tackle, crashed through another two North Sydney defenders, and scored near the corner. Shortly before, he had made a great run from near halfway, beating man after man. But he was forced out of touch when only a few yards short of the line. Dimond's defence was also sound. He saved a certain try late in the match with a diving tackle to stop O'Brien. The match developed into a battle between the forwards. West's heavy packs easily shade their opponents. Referee A. Oxford frequently halted play to caution rival forwards for fighting. Players also gave away many penalties for scrum and play-the-ball breaches. Oxford awarded 38 penalties - 23 against Wests and 15 against Norths. North Sydney kickers, Crossley, R. Sullivan, and J. Sullivan, could manage only one goal from eight attempts. Bill Keato, for Wests kicked six goals from 10 attempts. North Sydney never appeared likely to win. North Sydney backs received a fair share of the ball, but they spoilt promising moves by bad handling and wild passing. North Sydney obviously missed centre Keith Middleton who will play for Australia against England in tomorrow's First Test at Sydney Cricket Ground. Without him, North's backline lacked penetration. Norths' players struck form only near the end of the match. They then swept downfield in several fast-passing rushes in which most of the team handled. But the solid Wests' defence held. **(The Daily Telegraph 11th June 1950)**

Jack Walsh, one of the outstanding forwards the Rugby League code has produced, last night announced his retirement. Walsh played first grade football for 14 years. He played eight seasons with South Sydney and the last six with Western Suburbs. 'Although I still feel I can play rugged football,' Jack said last night, 'I think the time has come for me to make way for a younger player.' Walsh said he would continue to take an active interest in Western Suburbs of which club he was captain several years. **(Truth 11th June 1950)**

Kevin Hansen made a welcome return to the side last Saturday and played right up to his best form ..... Dev Dines on his display last Saturday showed he is a player of outstanding ability. Dev has now played centre, wing, full-back and five-eighth, filling all positions with credit to himself..... Alan Hornery is not only hooking as well as ever, but his general play has improved out of sight this season. **(Rugby League News 17th June 1950)**

**Notes:** There were significant team changes for this match. Frank Stanmore and Keith Holman were playing for Australia and were replaced by Dev Dines and Leo Trevena, making his debut. Jack Walsh announced his retirement after a stellar 14 year career, 8 with Souths, six with Wests. The backline fired with a surfeit of ball from Hornery but the match was marred by over 40 penalties. Kevin Hansen played his first match of the season and was straight back to his best form. This was a much needed win.