



1949 Round 9 Saturday 11th June North Sydney Oval



North Sydney 14

def.

Western Suburbs 11

Ron CROSSLEY (c)
 Alf AUSTIN
 Keith MIDDLETON
 Jack PLATER
 Jack DICKERSON
 Peter O'BRIEN
 Robert SULLIVAN
 Kevin PRICE
 Cec WATERS
 Jack BYRNE
 Erwin NOFFZ
 R PRIEST
 J BERNHARDT

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

Bill KEATO
 Dick McKELVEY
 Jack WOODS
 Col MAXWELL (c)
 Jack FITZGERALD
 Frank STANMORE
 Keith HOLMAN
 Peter McLEAN
 Don MILTON
 Kevin HANSEN
 George LOVELL
 Alan HORNERY
 Bill HORDER



Tries Peter O'BRIEN
 Cec WATERS

Alan HORNERY

Goals Ron CROSSLEY (4)

Bill KEATO (4)

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back: R Crossley (capt); three-quarters: A Austin, K Middleton, J Plater, J Dickerson; five-eighth: P O'Brien; half: R Sullivan; forwards: K Price, C Waters, J Byrnes, E Noffs, R Priest, J Bernhardt

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: R McKelvey, C Maxwell (capt), J Fitzgerald, J Woods; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: K Holman; forwards; P McLean, D Milton, K Hansen, W Horder, A Hornery, G Lovell **Referee: C F Pearce (Rugby League News 18th June 1949)**

The judiciary committee of the New South Wales Rugby League, at a special meeting last night, cautioned City I front-row forward W. Horder (Western Suburbs) and J. Dickerson (North Sydney) for fighting. North Sydney won, 14-11, after having trailed, 6-9, at half-time. Pearce said last night that he had sent Horder off after a report by touch judge H, Dengate. ... Horder waited to hear the committee's finding. Suspension would have made him ineligible for selection in the N.S.W team to play Queensland at the Sydney Cricket Ground next Saturday and the following Wednesday. Horder was generally tipped for selection. In yesterday's match, a partisan North Sydney Oval crowd demonstrated against Horder when he was sent off. The crowd had demonstrated just before this when Kevin Hansen, in a mix-up, stood on Crossley's face. Horder and R. Priest then engaged in a scuffle. Priest was knocked out. Horder was sent off. Ten minutes later Dickerson punched Col Maxwell in a tackle, and also was sent off. The game had been dull before those incidents. A. Hornery (Western Suburbs) scored the only first-half try after the first five minutes. Before half-time. Keato had kicked three goals for Western Suburbs, and Crossley three for North Sydney. Crossley once stopped Hansen with a stiff-arm tackle. North Sydney centre K. Middleton fell a yard short of the line after a brilliant 40-yardrun, in which he had beaten five West players. The final 20 minutes provided many thrills. North Sydney five-eighth P. O'Brien brought the scores level to 9-all with an excellent try. Keato put West ahead 11-9 with his fourth goal. Five minutes before the bell Cec Waters gathered the ball five yards from the West line, put down his head, and spread-eagled four of Wests' pack to score. Crossley then kicked a goal to give North the lead, 14-11. North Sydney had to survive several Wests' sorties before the end. In one of them Waters stopped Hansen with a diving tackle that carried them both out-of-bounds. Wests' wingers McKelvey and Fitzgerald dropped passes near the end that would have changed the result. The West team was only fair. Eric Bennett made a trip from Dubbo to see the game. **(The Daily Telegraph 12th June 1949)**

Bill Horder achieved one of his greatest ambitions when he was selected in the City 1st side..... congratulations to Kevin Hansen and Frank Stanmore on their selection in the City 2nds.....congratulations to Keith Holman on his great game last Saturday. Keith came to us from Dubbo, but as a pupil of the Marist Bros. School Kensington, was taught the finer points of the game there. **(Rugby League News 4th June 1949)**

Jim Seery has returned to the South Coast because of inability to secure a suitable residence. Club officials at all times will be glad to hear from supporters who know of accommodation that can be made available to players. **(Rugby League News 11th June 1949)**

Notes: George Lovell was back in the team for Jim Seery who, remarkably, had had to leave Sydney and return to the South Coast because he couldn't get accommodation. Wests led 9-6 at half-time and had many chances to win the match. Both wingers dropped match-winning passes in the last five minutes and George Lovell dropped a sitter after a break by Hansen. The match had been nondescript until Bill Horder was sent off for kicking Priest. The partisan North Sydney crowd was not at all happy and the match became chaotic. The key point of the match was that Hornery was winning a serious share of the ball but the backs lacked the combination to take advantage. This was obviously due to the continued absence of Eric Bennett who had apparently gone back to Dubbo, although he travelled back to watch his teammates. For a player who had played over a hundred first grade games he was being treated appallingly.