



1951 Round 9 Saturday 9th June Belmore Oval



Western Suburbs 17

def.

Canterbury 13

Jack RUDD
George BAIN
Jack FITZGERALD
Bob DIMOND
Pat LEAL
Keith DEACON
Leo TREVENA
Keith CULLEN
Peter LONG
Arthur COLLINSON
Bill HORDER (c)
Hec FARRELL
Kevin HANSEN

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

Ron WILLEY (c)
Alan CRUMPTON
Cec COOPER
Col COOPER
Frank FLYNN
Allan SCHWEBEL
Jim COLLINS
Jim TUTILL
Len HOLMES
Cedric De BELLE
Ron TREUER
Don SINCLAIR
Ken CHARLTON

Tries

George BAIN
Pat LEAL
Jack FITZGERALD

Ken CHARLTON
Len HOLMES
Don SINCLAIR

Goals

Leo TREVENA (3)
George BAIN (1)

Jim COLLINS (2)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: R Willey (c), three-quarters: F Flynn, Col Cooper, Cec Cooper, A Crumpton; five-eighth: A Schwebel; half: J Collins; forwards: N Charlton, L Holmes, C De Belle, R Treuer, D Sinclair, K Charlton

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Rudd; three-quarters: P Leal, R Dimond, J Fitzgerald, G Bain; five-eighth: K Deacon; half: L Trevena; forwards: K Cullen, P Long, A Collinson, K Hansen, H Farrell, W Horder (c) **Referee: J O'Brien (Rugby League News 30th June 1951)**

Holding off a strong challenge by Canterbury in the closing stages, Western Suburbs won a thrilling game 17-13 at Belmore yesterday. Wests had led 4-3 at half time. Despite the muddy ground, both sides adapted themselves well to the conditions and played attractive football. Down 5-17, 20 minutes from the end, Canterbury staged a splendid recovery, and after two smart tries by Sinclair and Charlton and a goal by J. Collins, reduced the lead to 13-17. Wests was called on to defend stoutly in the thrilling closing minutes of play and did well to keep Canterbury out. Canterbury was handicapped for the major part of the game by leg injuries to N. Charlton and R. Willey. Charlton, having his first game for several weeks, badly pulled a muscle in his thigh, and, although he returned for the second half, could do little more but hobble around the ground. Willey's left thigh was tightly strapped and he was at a disadvantage. Both heavyweight packs had a hard tussle, with honours even. H. Farrell, who replaced A. Hornery as hooker for West, gave his backs a splendid service and did well to cut even with the experienced Sinclair. A. Collinson, Wests' second row forward, shone with some long runs and splendid backing up. Hansen and Horder both used their weight to advantage. J. Fitzgerald stood out in the centre for Wests and, with R. Dimond in form, tested the Canterbury defence. ... **(The Sunday Herald 10th June 1951)**

... During the closing stages, Canterbury added eight points in eight minutes. Then just before the final bell it narrowly missed a try. West's giant forward Kevin Hansen stopped Canterbury half – back Jimmy Collins inches from the line near the goal posts. Canterbury supporters groaned at Collins' bad luck. The try would have been scored in an easy position for Ron Willey to kick the goal and give Canterbury a one-point win. **(The Daily Telegraph 10th June 1951)**

... L. Trevena, G. Bain and Bob Diamond stood out in Wests' rear-guard. Bain was particularly nippy and versatile. However, Wests can thank their forwards for the win. P. Long played a slashing game, being ably supported by Big Bill Horder, K. Cullen and A. Collins. ... **(Truth 10th June 1951)**

Keith Deacon gets his opportunity today and on form shown by Keith this season he should prove an able deputy for Frank Stanmore. **(Rugby League News 9th June 1951)**

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Notes: Holman and Stanmore were out for the Test against the French to be played on Monday. In the re-shuffle, Keith Deacon and Hec Farrell made their debuts and Leo Trevena was back at half and Kevin Hansen went to the front row. Alan Hornery had been dropped for not attending training. On a muddy ground, they dominated early but Canterbury came back strongly and nearly scored on full-time. Bob Dimond was back in good form and Peter Long was the best forward. There was some dispute about whether Jack Fitzgerald or Keith Cullen scored one of the tries, most probably due to the muddy conditions, but there is one clear description of Fitzgerald scoring the try so it goes to him in the records.