



1940 Round 10 Saturday 6th July Belmore Sports



Canterbury 10

def.

Western Suburbs 5

Lin JOHNSON
 Merv DENTON
 Jack BONNYMAN (c)
 Ted ANDERSON
 Edgar NEWHAM
 Bob RUSSELL
 Harry HALL
 Gordon CLUNAS
 Bob ALLISON
 Bob FARRAR
 James GIBBS
 Roy KIRKALDY
 Henry PORTER

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

Bill KEATO
 Harry ALLEN
 Cal LYNCH
 Jack WHITEHURST
 Bruce BROWN
 Jack FARRELL
 Albert McGUINNESS
 Max GRAY (c)
 Jim KINNARD
 Don GULLIVER
 Jack SCHUBACK
 Edward MEWTON
 Jack PIPER



Tries Merv DENTON
 Bob RUSSELL

Albert McGUINNESS

Goals Lin JOHNSON (2)

Bill KEATO (1)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: L Johnson; three-quarters: M Denton, J Bonnyman (capt), E Anderson, E Newham; halves: R Russell, H Hall; forwards: G Clunas, R Allison, R Farrar, J Gibbs, R Kirkaldy, H Porter

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: B Brown, J Whitehurst, C Lynch, H Allen; halves: J Farrell, A McGuinness; forwards: M Gray (capt), D Gulliver, J Kinnard, J Schuback, E Mewton, J Piper **Referee: J McGauley (Rugby League News 13th July 1940)**

Jack Farrell filled the five-eighth position creditably, and for an initial appearance in First Grade deserves a hand, if only for the manner in which he drove those backs back.....Billy Keato turned on his best game of the season by far, handling splendidly and kicking with judgement....Jim Kinnard proved his adaptability to the state of the ground and played similar to that of a soccer player. **(Rugby League News 13th July 1940)**

Keato took the slippery ball well from the kick-off, and sent to Brown, who was grassed by Denton. Canterbury forwards, with the ball at toe, took play to West's 25, where Gulliver relieved with a penalty. Players were finding great difficulty in keeping on their feet and play was confined mostly to the forwards, with West's hooker, Mewton, winning more of the ball than Kirkaldy. ... The forwards on both sides were delving into the fray with rare vigour and were unrecognisable in the mud. Nice work by Bonnyman, who cut through to give the ball to Denton, was responsible for Canterbury-Bankstown's first score. Denton received the ball 35 yards from the line, and beating man after man gained his objective, scoring in the corner. Johnson's kick failed. Canterbury-Bankstown 3, Western Suburbs nil. Just before half-time Hall broke through splendidly and sent to Kirkaldy, who battled his way over to force near the posts, but, to the dismay of the crowd, the referee. J. McGauley, who had slipped over, refused to allow the try. The crowd demonstrated angrily when the referee came into the stand at half-time. Half-time scores: Canterbury-Bankstown 3. Western Suburbs nil.

From the re-start, McGuinness, Western Suburbs' nippy half, cut through, but slipped when about to pass to Farrell. When Western Suburbs' forwards were penalised for illegal work in the scrum, Johnson raised the flags. Canterbury-Bankstown 5, Western Suburbs nil. Soon afterwards, Keato kicked a penalty for Wests. Canterbury-Bankstown 5, Western Suburbs 2. Canterbury was over again when Russell broke away with the ball at toe, and Newham following through, dived over to score. Johnson added the extras. Canterbury-Bankstown 10, Western Suburbs 2. Western Suburbs were over when the nippy half-back McGuinness crossed in the corner, after a 40 yards' dribbling run, Keato's kick was a "grubber." Canterbury-Bankstown 10, Western Suburbs 5. **(The Sun 6th July 1940)**

AT 3 p.m. yesterday a heavy downpour of rain made Belmore Oval a quagmire, thus minimising Cantabs and Wests' chances of playing fast, open football. Wests shaped splendidly against Cantabs, and went down only 10-5 after a gripping struggle. Play was mostly confined to Cantabs' 25 in the second half. McGuinness at half, was mainly responsible by securing the ball on nearly every occasion. He started many movements that penetrated Canterbury's solid combination. McGuinness's opportunity came in the second half when he scored Wests' only try, near the corner post. **(Truth 7th July 1940)**

Notes: This match was played in a bog and became a forward struggle. It was a close, hard game. Jim Kinnard made his debut and Jack Farrell, a strong Reserve Grade player, debuted at five-eighth and went well. Ted Mewton again won the ball; he was becoming a good hooker. There was a controversial moment when Canterbury scored a try but the referee wouldn't award it because he slipped over and didn't see it. Cantab fans were not happy!