



1940 Round 11 Saturday 13th July North Sydney Oval



Western Suburbs 17

def.

North Sydney 15

Bill KEATO
Bruce BROWN
Jack WHITEHURST
Cal LYNCH
Harry ALLEN
Jack GRAHAME/KNOX
Albert McGUINNESS
Max GRAY (c)
Fred McKEAN
Jim KINNARD
Jack SCHUBACK
Edward MEWTON
Jack PIPER

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

Frank COTTLE
C ROSE
Fred DHU
Doug DEITZ
Edward SCULLY
Johnny McLACHLAN
Roy THOMPSON
Walter WORRAD
Sid HARMER
Dick ALLERTON
Harry McKINNON
John MORRISSEY
Jack RUBINSON

Tries

Harry ALLEN
Edward MEWTON
Jack WHITEHURST

Dick ALLERTON
Sid HARMER
Roy THOMPSON

Goals

Bill KEATO (4)

Roy THOMPSON (2)
Doug DEITZ (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: H Allen, C Lynch, J Whitehurst, B Brown; halves: J Grahame, A McGuinness; forwards: M Gray (capt), F McKean, J Kinnard, J Schuback, E Mewton, J Piper

North Sydney: Full-back: F Cottle; three-quarters: C Rose, F Dhu, D Deitz, E Scully; halves: J McLachlan, R Thompson; forwards: W Worrard, S Harmer, R Allerton, R McKinnon, J Morrissey, J Rubinson **Referee: J McGauley (Rugby League News 20th July 1940)**

... Norths opened its account when Thompson whipped the ball to McKinnon who cut through brilliantly to send Allerton over. Thompson raised the flags. North Sydney 5, Western Suburbs nil. ... A sensation followed when Allerton picked up from a melee, running over the line, but, in attempting to improve his position he was bumped by Keato and dropped the ball, to the dismay of the Norths' supporters. Western Suburbs registered its first points when McGuinness cut through and passed to Kinnard, who sent to Mewton who went over in the corner. Keato kicked a grand goal. Western Suburbs 5, North Sydney 5. Within a minute of the kick-off Norths were over when Dhu made the opening, passed to Harmer, who crossed in the corner. Thompson's kick was short. Half-time scores: North Sydney 8. Western Suburbs 5

Within a minute of the resumption, Deitz unwound a fine dash of 30 yards, punted and regained possession, passed to Allerton, on to Thompson, who raced 15 yards to ground the ball near the corner. Deitz added the extras. North Sydney 13, Western Suburbs 5. Western Suburbs came into the attack, McGuinness whipping the ball from a scrum to Allen, who scored near the corner. Keato kicked the goal. North Sydney 13, Western Suburbs 10. Western Suburbs were in again with a beautiful try when Gray, Mewton and Whitehurst handled for the latter to run like a hare to score near the post. Keato kicked the goal. Western Suburbs 15, North Sydney 13. A grand goal by Keato from near half-way and well out put Wests further ahead. Western Suburbs 17, North Sydney 13. Thompson goaled from a free to Norths. **(The Sun 13th July 1940)**

Though the Magpies deserved the bird in the first spell of their clash with North Sydney at North Sydney yesterday, they started to fly in the second spasm. Slashing play, in which they disproved the impression that they were without football feathers, resulted in a 17-15 win after a ding-dong battle. Norths led 8-5 at oranges. Both teams deserved lemons for the drab, lifeless exhibition. They made amends when they returned, producing fireworks which kept the fans at fever beat until the final bell. Star turn of the rejuvenation was the movement which led to Whitehurst's try. Gray collected the pill at midfield, crashed through Norths' forwards with dashing speed, and then flicked the leather to Mewton. The burly forward made the turf fly before handing on to Whitehurst to surge to the scoring area, and put the Magpies in front. They were not headed again. Whitehurst's whizzing bursts and wily manoeuvres played a big part in his team's win. McGuinness did a good job behind the scrum, but Keato was the pick of the other backs. His kicking won kudos. He popped four over the bar from difficult positions, and narrowly missed others. Mewton starred in the Magpies' pack. He represented most of the feathers that made it fly so well, but the motive power also was supplied generously by Schuback and Kinnard, the latter coming up from the reserves to replace Gulliver, who was unavailable. If any man earned his oats it was Deitz. He shared the back honours with Thompson, with Cottle (full-back) also in the picture as a result of his brilliancy in changing defence into attack. ... North Sydney won 80 per cent of the ball, but the backs didn't know how to use it. They mostly stood flatfooted and ran across the field without gaining ground. That's why Norths went under. **(Truth 14th July 1940)**

Notes: This was a close, exciting game which was eventually decided by the brilliant goal-kicking of Bill Keato. He kicked a great goal from half-way to make the score 17-13 but also kicked a couple from difficult positions. Jack Grahame made his debut at five-eighth and went well. He was actually Jack Knox playing under a false name. The reason is still unknown. Ted Mewton was the best forward for Wests.