



## 1941 Round 12 Saturday 26th July Pratten Park



### Canterbury 22

def.

### Western Suburbs 17

Lin JOHNSON  
 Ron BAILEY (c)  
 Jack BONNYMAN  
 Ted ANDERSON  
 Ron KNIGHT  
 Bob JACKSON  
 Roy McCARTER  
 Frank SPONBERG  
 Bob FARRAR  
 Bob ALLISON  
 Eddie BURNS  
 Roy KIRKALDY  
 Arthur MORRIS

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

Charlie O'BRIEN  
 Bruce BROWN  
 Norm PARKINSON  
 Jack GRAHAME/KNOX  
 Colin FEWTRELL  
 Eric BENNETT (c)  
 Doug ROGERS  
 Colin SHERRY  
 Ron CAMPBELL  
 George LUCAS  
 Fred McKEAN  
 Ken LOCK  
 Jack PIPER



**Tries** Bob JACKSON (2)  
 Ron BAILEY (penalty try)  
 Jack BONNYMAN

Eric BENNETT (2)  
 Norm PARKINSON

**Goals** Lin JOHNSON (4)  
 Roy McCARTER (1)

Norm PARKINSON (4)

#### Match Description

**Canterbury-Bankstown:** Full-back: L Johnson; three-quarters: R Bailey, J Bonnyman, E Anderson, R Knight; halves: R Jackson, R McCarter; forwards: F Sponberg, R Farrar, R Allison, A Morris, R Kirkaldy, E Burns

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: C O'Brien; three-quarters: B Brown, N Parkinson, J Grahame, C Fewtrell; halves: E Bennett (capt), D Rogers; forwards: C Sherry, G Lucas, R Campbell, F McKean, K Lock, J Piper **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 9th August 1941)**

About 3500 were present when Bennett kicked off, Canterbury having the advantage of the breeze. Schuback was omitted from the Western Suburbs backs, being replaced by C. Sherry. .... Then came a clever try to Canterbury. The ball was heeled to McCarter who, using the blind side, sent to Jackson, who scored alongside the posts. Johnson kicked the goal. Canterbury 7, Western Suburbs nil. Following the drop-out, McCarter broke away down the touch-line. Bailey was trailing him on the inside. Coming to O'Brien, McCarter passed to Bailey, who was interfered with by Brown as he was taking the ball. Referee Bishop awarded Bailey a penalty try and Johnson kicked the goal. Canterbury 12, Western Suburbs nil. Canterbury was in again shortly afterwards when Bonnyman scored after Bennett had made a perfect opening. Johnson converted. Canterbury 17. Western Suburbs nil. The crowd were highly amused when Lucas tossed McCarter over his head. Canterbury was penalised and Parkinson kicked a goal from the touch-line. Canterbury 17, Western Suburbs 2. Campbell left the field with his shoulder injured. Half-time scores: Canterbury-Bankstown 17, Western Suburbs 2.

Campbell reappeared after the Interval with his ribs strapped up. From a scrum Rogers broke away and sent to Bennett, who scored alongside the posts for Parkinson to kick the goal. Canterbury 17, Western Suburbs 7. Sponberg was hurt as the ball was heeled to Rogers, to Bennett, to Grahame to Parkinson, who dummied his way past Knight to score in the corner. He also kicked the goal. Canterbury 17, Western Suburbs 12. Burns was penalised, and Parkinson again kicked a great goal. Canterbury 17, Western Suburbs 14. Then came a fine try to Canterbury. From a scrum at half-way, McCarter sent to Bonnyman, who short-kicked, and Jackson, following on fast, gathered and scored alongside the posts. McCarter kicked an easy goal. Canterbury 22. Western Suburbs 14. Bailey fumbled. Campbell picked up and sent to Bennett, who forced his way over in the corner. Parkinson failed to goal. Canterbury 22, Western Suburbs 17. McCarter was hurt in a tackle, and carried to the sideline. With the full-time bell ringing, Wests was hammering at Canterbury's line. **(The Sun 26th July 1941)**

A penalty try awarded to R. Bailey, Canterbury-Bankstown captain, won them the match against Western Suburbs at Pratten Park yesterday, 22-17. While Bailey was tackled "on suspicion" at the moment the ball came to him, it is questionable whether he would have held it and scored. Earlier he had dropped many passes. Canterbury led 17-2 at half-time, but thereafter had a hard job keeping Wests out. Canterbury were badly rattled when Wests got to 14-17, but the penalty try put them in a safe position. R. Jackson, from Kurrl, made a grand debut as five-eighth for Canterbury. He made many brilliant openings and scored two tries. McCarter was as elusive as an eel, and Johnson was a superb custodian, outplaying his lethargic vis-a-vis, O'Brien. Bennett and Parkinson were outstanding for the losers. **(The Daily Telegraph 27th July 1941)**

**Notes:** Albert McGuinness was out, playing for NSW, so Eric Bennett took over as captain in a lightning elevation. In the end, Wests were very unlucky to lose this match. A very dubious penalty try was awarded to Canterbury. The bump was only slight according to all newspaper reports and wouldn't have led to a try. Wests came storming back in the second half and were attacking the line when the full-time bell went.