



# 1940 Round 3 Saturday 4th May Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 13

def.

## North Sydney 9



Bill KEATO  
 Bruce BROWN  
 Doug ROGERS  
 Cal LYNCH  
 Jack WHITEHURST  
 Jack TISDALE  
 Albert McGUINNESS  
 Max GRAY (c)  
 Stan SIMPSON  
 Don GULLIVER  
 Ken LOCK  
 Alex PATRICK  
 Jack PIPER

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

Neville BUTLER  
 Jack GRUBB  
 Frank COTTLE  
 Jim KIRKWOOD  
 Fred DHU  
 Rex HARRISON (c)  
 Keith CARROLL  
 Jack McCARTHY  
 Sid HARMER  
 Gerry ATWELL  
 John MORRISSEY  
 Harry McKINNON  
 Walter WORRAD

**Tries** Jack PIPER  
 Bruce BROWN  
 Jack TISDALE

Walter WORRAD

**Goals** Stan SIMPSON (2)

Neville BUTLER (3)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: B Brown, C Lynch, D Rogers, J Whitehurst; halves: J Tisdale, A McGuinness; forwards: M Gray (capt), D Gulliver, S Simpson, K Lock, A Patrick, J Piper

**North Sydney:** Full-back: N Butler; three-quarters: J Grubb, F Cottle, J Kirkwood, F Dhu; halves: R Harrison, K Carroll; forwards: J McCarthy, S Harmer, G Atwill, R McKinnon, J Morrissey, W Worrad **Referee: A Spankie (Rugby League News 18th May 1940)**

Western Suburbs started the game into a strong south-easterly breeze, and was awarded a penalty five yards inside half-way. Simpson attempted a goal, but the ball fell short. Following the drop-out, North Sydney came back strongly, due chiefly to good work by Cottle, Harrison, and McCarthy. The Western Suburbs forwards broke through with Gulliver in the vanguard, but Cottle cleared. North Sydney pressed hard then, and when Keato fumbled it looked like a score. However, a penalty aided Western Suburbs and then McGuinness punted through from a scrum for the game to go back to half-way. From a scrum McGuinness got the ball and eluded Carroll and sent to Gray, who sent ahead before passing to Brown, who bumped Butler off and sailed in for a try in the corner. Simpson missed the goal. Wests led three to nil. Norths nearly scored shortly after they got going again. The ball went over Wests' line from a scrum, and McCarthy could not quite get to it before Keato. Things looked dangerous for Wests when Butler put the ball into touch in goal, but Keato beat half a dozen men with a beautiful run which ended near half-way. Brown was nearly in again, but was effectively stopped by Grubb. Wests were pressing hard, but then North Sydney was unlucky not to score. Harrison broke clear, but his pass to Harmer, who looked certain to score, was forward. North Sydney kept up the pressure, and after McCarthy. Harrison and Dhu and McCarthy again handled, Worrad hustled his way over for a try. Butler converted. North Sydney 5, Western Suburbs 3. Rogers, Grey and Gulliver took the game right up to North Sydney's line with a great burst and Western Suburbs was just kept out in the ensuing rush. Wests was being driven back to midway as the half-time bell went. Half-time scores: North Sydney 5, Western Suburbs 3.

Gulliver and Brown combined grandly for the latter to go close to scoring immediately from the restart. Brown broke away and sent to Gulliver, who made the opening for Tisdale, who went in for the try. When Simpson converted. Western Suburbs was in front 8 to 5. Butler landed a beautiful goal into the wind from about five yards inside half-way, reducing the Western Suburbs lead to 8 to 7. ... A rush ended on North Sydney's line when Piper went across for a try. Simpson converted. Western Suburbs 13, North Sydney 9. McCarthy, Harrison and Dhu in turn were within an ace of getting clear but then Rogers sent the ball back to the North Sydney 25 with a great run. Carroll, Cottle and Dhu took the ball ahead and then North Sydney was close to a score when Grubb was dropped a few yards from the Western Suburbs line. North Sydney continued to storm the Western Suburbs line in a desperate attempt to get in front. A penalty came to Wests near the North Sydney 25 when Butler was illegally tackled by Whitehurst, when that man might have scored. Simpson missed with his shot at goal. Dhu was caught in possession in his own 25 and things again looked black for North Sydney and Western Suburbs was still attacking when the bell went a few seconds later. **(The Sun 4th May 1940)**

**Notes:** This match marked the debut of Doug Rogers who had been the Reserve Grade fullback for years. Bruce Brown (ex-Parramatta Junior) was the best back on the field, while Billy Keato was starting to display his real quality at full-back. The forward pack played very strongly, led in outstanding fashion by State player, Don Gulliver. This was a good fighting performance by Wests, who held out a number of ferocious Norths' attacks.