



1940 Round 4 Saturday 11th May Pratten Park



Canterbury 20

def.

Western Suburbs 13

Lin JOHNSON
 Merv DENTON
 Joe GARTNER
 Sid ELLIOTT
 Edgar NEWHAM
 Roy McCARTER
 Jack BONNYMAN
 Bob ALLISON
 Bob FARRAR
 Eddie BURNS
 James GIBBS
 Roy KIRKALDY
 Henry PORTER (c)

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

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



Tries Eddie BURNS (2)
 Jim GIBBS
 Edgar NEWHAM

Ken LOCK
 Albert McGUINNESS
 Jack PIPER

Goals Lin JOHNSON (4)

Bill KEATO (2)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: L Johnson; three-quarters: M Denton, J Gartner, S Elliott, E Newham; halves: R McCarter, J Bonnyman; forwards: R Allison, R Farrar, E Burns, H Porter (capt), R Kirkaldy, J Gibbs

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Rogers; three-quarters: B Brown, C Lynch, W Keato, J Whitehurst; halves: A McGuinness, J Tisdale; forwards: M Gray (capt), D Gulliver, S Simpson, K Lock, A Patrick, J Piper **Referee: J McGauley (Rugby League News 11th May 1940)**

With a slight breeze behind them, Canterbury started the game from the southern end and was soon hammering the Western Suburbs line. McCarter sent the ball out to Bonnyman from a scrum there, but Elliott did not take that man's pass cleanly when a score looked certain. Johnson cleared, and when a penalty came to his side a few seconds later in Wests' half, he landed a good goal. Canterbury 2, Western Suburbs nil. Then Canterbury went farther ahead. From a ruck near half-way, the ball came out to Porter, who sent onto Farrar, who passed to Gartner, who sent back to Farrar, on to Gibbs, who went in for a try under the posts. Johnson converted. Canterbury 7, Western Suburbs nil. Wests came back hard and Brown went close to scoring. Simpson failed with a shot at goal from a penalty and Johnson found touch past half-way. Rogers, however, beat him in a kicking duel for the game to go to half-way. Canterbury was nearly in again just later. The ball went from McCarter to Bonnyman, to Allison, and to McCarter again, but his pass to Gartner was forward. Newham crossed the Western Suburbs line after Kirkaldy and McCarter had handled, but it was ruled to be in touch in goal, when tackled behind the line. A penalty came to Canterbury then, and Johnson raised the flags to lead nine to nil. Simpson missed a penalty from well out when going again, and then McGuinness, Tisdale, and Keato gained ground for Western Suburbs, the game going to their opponents' 25. Keato failed from a penalty just later, but it was well out. From a scrum near half-way, McCarter sent to Newham, who made a great opening, and sent to Burns, as he was tackled, for the forward to score. Johnson missed the goal. Canterbury 12, Western Suburbs nil. Rogers put in a beautiful run from half-way, eluding half a dozen men before passing to Keato near the Canterbury line. Keato sent to McGuinness, but when he reversed to Keato, that man missed the pass. Half-time scores: Canterbury-Bankstown 12, Western Suburbs nil.

Denton went to the wing position for Canterbury, Gartner going into the centre; and Bonnyman to five-eighth upon the resumption. In the Western Suburbs' side Keato and Rogers changed positions. Simpson missed a fairly easy shot at goal from a penalty, but Western Suburbs continued to press hard. Denton put in a fine individual run from his own side of half-way to well inside the Western Suburbs' 25 before he was stopped. Denton's ankle was injured in a tackle and he was carried to the side line. Western Suburbs missed a possible try when Gulliver's pass to Simpson was too low. Burns went close to scoring from a movement started by Porter, and then Johnson landed an easy goal from a penalty and Canterbury was in front 14-0. Western Suburbs came back hard, and, after Tisdale and Gray had come close to a score, Lock busted his way across for a try. Simpson missed a "sitter," and Canterbury led 14-3. Denton then came back on the field. From a penalty there, Gulliver got the ball and sent to Simpson, who passed to Piper, who scored in between the posts. Keato converted. Canterbury 14, Western Suburbs 8. Wests, with 15 minutes left for play, was making a desperate bid for victory, only solid defence keeping them out. Brown and Lynch handled before McGuinness went in for a score. Keato added the goal and Canterbury led 14-13. **(The Sun 11th May 1940)**

Notes: Wests were down 14-0 early but came back strongly in the second half and scored three quick tries in succession. Don Gulliver was again the forward who led the second half charge but in the end they fell short, although they were still attacking strongly as the bell went. Doug Rogers went back to his natural position at full-back.