



1943 Round 4 Saturday 15th May Belmore Oval



Western Suburbs 11

def.

Canterbury 0

Brian DAWSON
 Jack SNARE
 Ron FIELDS
 Bob ANDREWS
 Jack WHITEHURST (c)
 Stan EISENHUTH
 Albert McGUINNESS
 Arthur CLUES
 Fred McKEAN
 Alan KEATO
 Ron CAMPBELL
 William BROWN
 Jack WOODS

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

Lin JOHNSON
 Billy HARRIS
 Ted ANDERSON
 Jack BONNYMAN
 Alan WOODS
 Roy McCARTER
 Lew FISHER
 Frank SPONBERG
 Arthur MORRIS
 George ELLEY
 Bob ALLISON
 Roy KIRKALDY
 Eddie BURNS

Tries Bob ANDREWS
 Ron CAMPBELL
 Jack WHITEHURST

Goals Bob ANDREWS (1)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: L Johnson; three-quarters: W Harris, E Anderson, J Bonnyman, A Woods; halves: R McCarter, L Fisher; forwards: F Sponberg, A Morris, G Elley, R Allison, R Kirkaldy, R Burns

Western Suburbs: Full-back: B Dawson; three-quarters: J Snare, R Fields, R Andrews, J Whitehurst; halves: S Eisenhuth, A McGuinness; forwards: A Clues, F McKean, A Keato, R Campbell, W Brown, J Woods **Referee: H Carrick (Rugby League News 22nd May 1943)**

There was a bit of a Rorke's Drift touch about Western Suburbs' 11-0 win over the Cantabs yesterday, the latter finishing the day with only 10 men. R. McCarter, who was off the field for 10 minutes in the first half, did not return alter lemons, and midway through the second half W. Harris got his marching orders, and almost immediately G. Elley was carried off with a wrenched knee. But this does not detract from the merit of Wests' fine win. Their forwards outplayed the local set and were the winning feature. Bob ('Horsey') Campbell was the best forward on the ground and paved the way for victory by scoring a fine try, the first points registered after 55 minutes' play. S. Eisenhuth and A. McGuinness proved a happy combination at the scrum base. **(Truth 16th May 1943)**

About 3000 were present when play commenced. Bailey and Newham were absent from Canterbury. Anderson went back to centre after being selected as a forward, and A. Woods replaced Newham on the wing. Morris took Anderson's place in the pack. S. Brown, down with the 'flu, was replaced by J. Snare. Wests were penalised in front, and McCarter missed an easy shot at goal. Play hovered in West's 25, where J. Woods was offside. Johnson's kick was just outside. Canterbury came back, and the ball flew from Anderson to Harris, who was hurled into touch Inches from the line. Fields then dashed through, but his pass to Anderson went astray. Clues and Burns were called out by the referee, and following a melee on Wests' line, Elley was spoken to, Canterbury being penalised. Wests had a narrow escape when Burns charged down Andrews' kick, but the ball rolled over the dead-ball line. Wests, headed by Clues, worked the play to Canterbury's 25 where Burns was penalised. Andrews had a poor shot at goal.Half-time scores: Canterbury-Bankstown, nil. Western Suburbs, nil.

McCarter, whose knee was badly injured, did not resume after the interval. Then came a great Wests rush in which Eisenhuth got over in the corner, but lost the ball. The play went across field and from a melee on the line Campbell forced his way over. Andrews missed the goal. Wests 3-nil. Harris was sent off the field. Elley was hurt again. He limped back to the field, but was then carried off, leaving Canterbury with ten men. Then came a great Wests' try. From a scrum In Wests' 25 the ball flew from McGuinness to McKean, who dashed through and sent to Anderson to Whitehurst who broke through Johnson's tackle to score in the corner. Andrews kicked a great goal from the touchline. Wests 8-nil. Canterbury had now only three men In the scrum. Andrews forced his way over as the full-time bell was ringing. He missed the goal. **(The Sun 15th May 1943)**

In the absence of E Bennett, the captaincy was given to Jack Whitehurst who, by the way, is playing as well as ever, and the turn of speed he showed when coming through to take the ball and go on for a try on Saturday would have done justice to a winger.....Jack Piper, who is in camp in another State, wishes to be remembered to all his friends, and hopes he will have the opportunity of playing before the season concludes. **(Rugby League News 22nd May 1943)**

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Notes: Eric Bennett was out, Jack Whitehurst taking over the captaincy. This was the first win over Canterbury in 3 years. The match marked the debut of Jack Snare and Ron Fields, who both played well. Canterbury were reduced, ironically, to 10 men, considering the horrible run of injuries Wests had had in 1942.