



1942 Round 6 Saturday 6th June St. Luke's Park



Western Suburbs 16

def.

Eastern Suburbs 7

Bill KEATO
 Bruce BROWN
 Les HOSCHKE
 Joe FAWKNER
 Colin FEWTRELL
 Eric BENNETT
 Albert McGUINNESS (c)
 George LUCAS
 Harry GREW
 Fred McKEAN
 Jack PIPER
 William BROWN
 Wal TAYLOR

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

Doug BARTLETT
 Gerald WENDEN
 Rick BEVAN
 Dick DUNN
 Tommy KAINE
 Wally O'CONNELL
 Sel LISLE
 Don GULLIVER
 Henry PIERCE (c)
 Doug FRY
 Noel HOLLINGDALE
 John CLARKE
 Cliff TYE

Tries
 Bruce BROWN
 Colin FEWTRELL
 Wal TAYLOR
 Albert McGUINNESS

Dick DUNN

Goals Bill KEATO (2)

Dick DUNN (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: B Brown, L Hoschke, J Fawkner, C Fewtrell; halves: E Bennett, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: G Lucas, F McKean, H Grew, J Piper, W Brown, W Taylor

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: D Bartlett; three-quarters: G Wenden, R Bevan, R Dunn, T Kaine; halves: W O'Connell, S Lisle; forwards: D Gulliver, D Fry, H Pierce, N Hollingdale, J Clarke, C Tye **Referee: W Devine (Ruby League News 13th June 1942)**

E Bennett, having his first run for five weeks, showed he had not lost any of his dash. Many good judges think Eric the best five-eighth we have seen since that great player, Vic Hey, who is still playing in England. **(Rugby League News 13th June 1942)**

About 2000 saw McGuinness kick off, Stehr had a bad knee and Hollingdale replaced him. Dermond was replaced by T. Kaine. Wests team was unchanged for the first time this season. Easts was penalised. Keato's kick was outside, Lisle knocking-on in goal. From the scrum the ball flew from McGuinness to B Brown, who scored wide out. Keato failed at goal. Wests 3, Easts nil. Kaine took Keato's return cleverly, sent to Bevan, to Dunn, to Gulliver, who lost the ball. Wests were penalised, Dunn kicking an easy goal. Wests 3, Easts 2. Easts were having a feast of the ball from the scrum. Wests missed a certain try when B Brown lost the ball over the line, after McGuinness and McKean had combined cleverly, Half-time Scores: Western Suburbs 3, Eastern Suburbs 2.

Following a melee in front of East's goal, McGuinness scored for Keato to goal, Wests leading by eight to two. Then came a great West's try, Wenden booted down field. Lucas burst through and sent to Fewtrell, who scored wide out for Keato to goal. Wests 13, Easts 2. W. Taylor forced his way over. Keato failed to goal. Wests 16, Easts 2. Dunn scored as the full time bell rang. He also kicked the goal, Wests 16, Easts 7. **(The Sun 6th June 1942)**

Wests sprung a surprise at Burwood by breaking the ice, and decisively beating Easts 16 to 7. The local officials attributed the success and sudden transformation to the return of Bill Keato and E. Bennett. However, there were other contributing factors, and much credit must be handed to the virile methods of the hard-working forwards, 'Duke' Taylor, who scored a great try, 'Snowy' McKean, and lock-man Lucas, who hammered away and never let up. 'Duke' was an inspiration. Mistakes, in handling, were costly to both teams. 'Podgy' McGuinness and Bennett combined in first class style, and their centres, Jack Fawkner and Len Hoschke, were always a little above their opponents. Harry Pierce was their best forward and 'Dicky' Dunn, who scored all the loser's points, played solidly and finished up with a real gory and flattened nose. **(Truth 7th June 1942)**

....Wests owe their success to their halves (McGuinness and Bennett) and a hard-working pack. Bennett, reappearing after breaking his collarbone in the first round, effected a remarkable improvement in Wests' back division. **(The Daily Telegraph 7th June 1942)**

Notes: For the first time this season Wests had their full team on the field and it meant a remarkable turnaround in form. Eric Bennett was back and showed his class in his combination with McGuinness. Billy Keato, Harry Grew, Les Hoschke and George Lucas were also back, while Joe Fawkner made his debut. William Brown convincingly won the scrums and allowed the backline to get on top, while the forwards, led by Fred McKean also played strongly.