1942 Round 7 Saturday 13th June Belmore Oval

Canterbury 21 def. Western Suburbs 14 **BILL KEATO** Lin JOHNSON Fullback Bruce BROWN **Tony NASH** Wing Jack BONNYMAN Centre Norm PARKINSON Centre Ron BAILEY (c) Les HOSCHKE **Bob JACKSON** Wing Henry MARTIN **Eric BENNETT** Roy McCARTER Five-eighth Tom EZART Half Albert McGUINESS (c) Frank SPONBERG Lock George LUCAS George ELLEY Second Row Harry GREW **Bob FARRAR** Second Row Fred McKEAN Eddie BURNS Front Row Wal TAYLOR **Roy KIRKALDY** Hooker William BROWN Front Row Jack PIPER Henry PORTER **Bruce BROWN Ron BAILEY** Tries **Eddie BURNS** Les HOSCHKE Tom EZART George LUCAS **Bob FARRAR** Fred McKEAN **Bob JACKSON** Roy McCARTER (2) Bill KEATO (1) Goals Bob JACKSON (1)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: L Johnson; three-quarters: A Nash, J Bonnyman, R Bailey, R Jackson; halves: R McCarter, T Ezart; forwards: H Porter, R Kirkaldy, E Burns, R Farrar, G Elley, F Sponberg

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: B Brown, L Hoschke, J Parkinson, H Martin; halves: E Bennett, A McGuiness (capt); forwards: G Lucas, H Grew, F McKean, W Taylor, W Brown, J Piper Referee: J O'Brien (Rugby League News 20th June 1942)

Three brilliant tries in the last 15 minutes, of play saved Canterbury from defeat by Western Suburbs at Belmore Oval yesterday. Ten minutes after half-time Wests led 14-5. Bob Farrar scored after every Canterbury forward handled. Ron Bailey outpaced everybody in a run of 30 yards. Bobbie Jackson (Canterbury winger) intercepted and ran 75 yards unopposed. Wests were unlucky, as they lost their hooker, L. Brown (broken ankle), shortly before Canterbury started their whirlwind finish. Brown had won practically every scrum from interstate hooker, Kirkaldy. R. Farrar (Canterbury) was the best forward on the ground. G. Lucas (Wests' lock) was rewarded for a fine display by scoring a good try. **(The Daily Telegraph 14th June 1942)**

Western Suburbs administered somewhat of a shock to the joint leaders, Canterbury-Bankstown, being superior, and holding a substantial lead until the closing stages. A remarkable transformation came over the game during an inspired 15 minutes period by Canterbury-Bankstown. With the loss of W Brown, the hooker, during the closing stages, the visitors' football deteriorated to a marked degree. ... T Ezart was a sound connecting link. E Burns, with G Lucas of Western Suburbs, were the best forwards on the ground. For the losers, E Bennett was the most brilliant and colourful back of the match.. L Hoschke and B Brown were admirable. A McGuinness, half-back, and W Keato, full-back, each shaded their opponents. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 15th June 1942)**

Western Suburbs gave the leaders— Cantabs— a heck of a shock in the local Derby at Belmore. After trailing behind most of the game, the 'Berries came with a rattle to score 16 points in the last 16 minutes and take the honours, 21-14. Wests' rake, W. Brown, who was beating Roy Kirkaldy for the 'puddin,' was carried off during that hectic period with a sprained ankle. The hyphenates were never in the hunt up till that stage, though they redeemed themselves later. ... The losers played brilliant football until the closing stages. E. Bennett, five-eighth, and G. Lucas, lock, were the two best players on the ground. Ron Bailey shone like a meteor for Cantabs and was well supported by Nash, T. Ezart and McCarter. Eddie Burns played well, and Elley and Henry Porter were always prominent. Wests were best served in the forwards by F. McKean and W. Brown, while 'Podgy' McGuinness played his best game to date. **(Truth 14th June 1942)**

Injuries have played havoc with our team this season, the latest one being W Brown, our hooker, whose ankle was broken on Saturday. This player is most unfortunate as on his displays he must have been in the running for the City side. (Rugby League News 20th June 1942)

Notes: This was a very unlucky loss for Wests. They were totally on top, leading 14-5 when William Brown broke his ankle. He had completely dominated the scrums to that point and Bennett and McGuiness had been completely outpointing their opponents, while George Lucas was a tower of strength in the forwards.

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