



1942 Round 4 Saturday 23rd May St. Luke's Park



North Sydney 24

def.

Western Suburbs 8

Frank COTTLE
 Athol CAIRNS
 Stan RIDGWAY
 Frank HYDE (c)
 Fred DHU
 Rex HARRISON
 Johnny McLACHLAN
 John MORRISSEY
 Gerald SCULLY
 Harry MCKINNON
 Dick ALLERTON
 Jim FRANCIS
 Terry EDWARDS

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

John "Jack" WILSON
 Bruce BROWN
 Norm PARKINSON
 Cal LYNCH
 Colin FEWTRELL
 Colin McLAURIN
 Albert McGUINNESS (c)
 George LUCAS
 Ron CAMPBELL
 Fred McKEAN
 Wal TAYLOR
 William BROWN
 Jack PIPER



Tries
 Rex HARRISON (2)
 Gerald SCULLY (2)
 Fred DHU
 Stan RIDGWAY

Bruce BROWN
 Norm PARKINSON

Goals
 Rex HARRISON (3)

John "Jack" WILSON (1)

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back: F Cottle; three-quarters: A Cairns, S Ridgway, F Hyde (capt), F Dhu; halves: R Harrison, J McLachlan; forwards: J Morrissey, G Scully, R Allerton, R McKinnon, J Francis, T Edwards

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Wilson; three-quarters: B Brown, C Lynch, N Parkinson, C Fewtrell; halves: C McLaurin, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: G Lucas, F McKean, R Campbell, J Piper, W Brown, W Taylor **Referee: W Cuke (Rugby League News 30th May 1942)**

About 5000 were present when McGuinness kicked off. Keato's knee was still troubling him and he was replaced by Wilson. Parkinson broke away and, outpacing Cottle, scored in the corner. Wilson failed at goal, and Wests led 3-nil. Wests were penalised in their own 25, Harrison kicking a clever goal. Western Suburbs 6, North Sydney 2. Harrison was then stopped within inches of the line. Morrissey sent to Scully, who fought his way over in the corner. Harrison goaled. North Sydney 7-6. Harrison kicked another goal just as the half-time bell rang: North Sydney 9, Western Suburbs 6. Half-time Scores: North Sydney 9. Western Suburbs 6. Norths were penalised, and Wilson kicked an easy goal. North Sydney 9-8. McKinnon dashed away and cross-kicked to Hyde, to Ridgway, who scored in the corner. Harrison failed to goal. North Sydney 12, Western Suburbs 8. Harrison crashed over in the corner after Hyde had broken through cleverly. Ridgway failed with the kick. North Sydney 15, Western Suburbs 8. McKinnon broke away and sent to F. Dhu, who scored after a 30-yards dash, Harrison's kick failed. North Sydney 18-8. Scully fought his way over, but Cairns missed the goal. North Sydney 21-8. Just as the final bell rang, Harrison scored alongside the post. Cairns missed the goal. North Sydney 24-8. Just, before the final whistle, F Dhu was taken from the field with a probable fracture of the collarbone. **(The Sun 23rd May 1942)**

Norths' superior teamwork and additional speed were the decisive factors in their comfortable 24-8 victory at Wests' expense yesterday. The Magpies were again without Keato's services. Acting under medical advice he refrained from jeopardising his injured knee, which was torn with a boot sprig a fortnight ago. Dhu, outside centre, was the star of the game. His incisive penetrations cut Wests' defences to ribbons. Unfortunately, he took a heavy toss and had to leave the field. McLachlan (half-back) was another useful unit. Rex Harrison was responsible for a dozen points, scoring two tries and kicking three goals. Scully and Morrissey were ever present in open and close forward play. **(Truth 24th May 1942)**

Fred "Snowy" McKean is showing great form this season. "Snowy" is one of the best conditioned men in the club, and it only goes to prove that to play 80 minutes of hard football you must train...two outstanding players in the Reserves last Saturday were Tom Slattery and J Schuback. Both these players are in camp and are finding it hard to get into top condition...N Parkinson, our centre of last season, played his first game on Saturday and early showed a glimpse of his form, but after receiving a bad knock was practically out on his feet from the balance of the match. **(Rugby League News 30th May 1942)**

Notes: Cal Lynch and Norm Parkinson were back, although Norm Parkinson became concussed. John Wilson was again at full-back, as Keato was still recovering from an injured knee. The comment on Tom Slattery and Jack Schuback showed the ongoing effect of the war. A lot of First Grade footballers were in training camp, getting leave to play football. This was another second half capitulation for Wests, raising serious questions about their overall fitness and stamina.