



# 1926 Round 11 Saturday 10th July Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 16

def.

## Newtown 7

Frank McMILLAN (c)  
Eric DOIG  
Jack HOLMES  
Cecil FIFIELD  
Cyril BELLAMY  
Jerry BRIEN  
Rodolph WHELDON  
Roy LISTON  
Jim PARSONS  
Frank SPILLANE  
Frank MATTERSON  
Bob LINDFIELD  
Jack DREW

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

Tom ELLIS  
P LITTLE  
D WATERS  
Vince HUGHES  
Frederick HOCKEY  
Cecil SEDDON  
Charles KELL (c)  
Reg MAKER  
Charlie PRENDERGAST  
Wally McMILLAN  
Jim WARWICK  
Tom LEAMEY  
Les BULL

### Tries

Jack HOLMES  
Cecil FIFIELD  
Bob LINDFIELD  
Frank MATTERSON

D WATERS

### Goals

Eric DOIG (2)

Tom ELLIS (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, C Bellamy, C Fifield, E Doig and J Holmes; halves, J Brien, R Wheldon; forwards, F Matterson, J Parsons, R Lindfield, J Drew, F Spillane, R Liston

**Newtown:** Full-back, T Ellis; three-quarters, F Hockey, S Waters, V Hughes, P Little; halves, D Seddon, C Kell; forwards, J Warwick, R Maker, L Bull, T Leamey, C Prendergast, W McMillan **Referee: M Brannaghan**

Play was at once carried to Newtown territory, consequent upon Lindfield's early superiority in the scrum, but good defensive work by Kell kept the Magpies out. Bellamy went very close to finalising a passing rush, but Lindfield opened the account by scoring a meritorious try neat the corner. The kick at goal failed. Matterson was the next to score, after a resolute run. E Doig converted and Wests were 8 up.

The second half saw Leamey turn the tables on Lindfield, as the Newtown rake won nearly every scrum, until near the finish, when the Westerner again came out on top. Tackling became deadly, and Newtown had Wests defending hard for quite a time. McMillan relieved by long kicking, but eventually Newtown's persistency was rewarded, and T Ellis kicked a neat goal, due to illegal tackling. Still the Blues pressed, and very dogged play on Wests' line enabled them to open their try account. Warwick nearly struggled over, being tackled from behind. He lost possession of the ball, and Waters, picking up quickly, dived over near the posts. E Ellis converted, and Wests led by 8-7 only. Then Wests' forwards took possession of the game, and pushed the Newtown pack everywhere. Despite this fact: Leamey still won the ball, and Kell always made good use of it. But again, Seddon slowed the Blues down, by bad passing. Many forward rushes, headed by Parsons, took play to Newtown territory, and Fifield finalised a splendid movement by dashing across. Doig goaled and Wests led by 13-7. Another passing rush commenced by Brien, saw Fifield, Matterson and Doig go line-wards, and the latter ran Holmes into a good position to dive over in the corner. Final scores: Wests 16-7. (**Sunday Times 11th July 1926**)

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**Notes:** Wests continued their winning sequence in a fast, exciting game, with both packs going hard at it. Eric Doig came in for Neil Matterson and Rodolph Wheldon, who had been playing very well in Seconds, made his debut with Harry Owen out with a broken hand. It is interesting that 'Pony' Redmond was out, playing for NSW in Brisbane, a meteoric rise for a 19 year old. Lindfield's hooking was a major factor while Parsons was again outstanding, with McMillan very solid in defence.