



1927 Round 12 Saturday 23rd July Pratten Park



Newtown 16

def.

Western Suburbs 15

Tom ELLIS
 Jim BELL
 Jack KESSEY
 Vince HUGHES
 Jack HOLMES
 Reg McENCROE
 Charles KELL (c)
 Bill CULLEN
 Charlie PENDERGAST
 A WATERSON
 George McARTHUR
 Les BULL
 C McLACHLAN

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

George DAISLEY
 Jack REDMOND
 Neil MATTERSON (c)
 Ken SHERWOOD
 William McPHERSON
 Dave HEY
 Edward WHELDON
 Jack DREW
 Les HAYES
 Bill CARPENTER
 Frank MATTERSON
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Frank SPILLANE



Tries

Jim BELL
 Jack KESSEY

Les HAYES
 Dave HEY
 Neil MATTERSON

Goals

Tom ELLIS (5)

George DAISLEY (3)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back, T Ellis; three-quarters, G Bell, G Kessey, V Hughes, G Holmes; five-eighth, R McEnroe; half-back, C Kell (capt); forwards, A Waterson, L Bull, W Cullen, G McCarthy, C Prendergast, C McLachlan

Western Suburbs: Full-back, G Daisley; three-quarters, T Redmond, N Matterson, W McPherson, K Sherwood; five-eighth, D Hey; half-back, R Wheldon; forwards, F Matterson, W Carpenter, R Lindfield, F Spillane, J Drew, L A Hayes (capt) **Referee: W Wall**

Evenly contested, play was always interesting, and although few concerted movements were seen, the pace was fast. Western Suburbs was the aggressor for the major part of the game, but Newtown always defended resolutely, especially in the closing stages, when the home players launched attack after attack. Newtown's victory was due to the accuracy of T Ellis in notching four penalty goals. He was tower of strength, handling well and kicking with fine judgement. Hayes began the scoring, when he completed a dash by Hey and N Matterson. Daisley converted, for Western Suburbs to lead 5 nil. Then, for infringements, T Ellis landed three goals, enabling Newtown to take the lead 6-5. N Matterson then scored for the Westerners, and Daisley goaled. Ellis kicked his fourth goal, and just prior to half-time Bell scored from Western Suburbs' 25, for a fine try, which Ellis easily converted. Western Suburbs 15, Newtown 13.

Heavy exchanges marked the resumption, and after several players had to be cautioned, Holmes was sent off for resenting a tackle. Spurred by the loss, Newtown played with great dash, and Kessey crossed over in the corner. Newtown 16-15. From then on the display was brimful of interest, the Westerners swarming to the attack, which was waged not ten yards from Newtown's goal line. Daisley and Hey attempted field goals, to try and snatch victory, but without avail. Hey was thrown out at the corner flag, then Wheldon went through the scrum, the forwards carrying him over the line, but he was unable to ground the ball. Next Sherwood broke through, only to be brought down by Ellis inches from the line. Full-time came with a scrum on Newtown's line, where it seemed that a try must surely result.

Ellis was outstanding for the winners, being ably assisted by Bell, Kessey, and Hughes in the backs. Prendergast, Cullen, and Hull did yeoman service in the forwards. Wheldon, Hey and N Matterson were the best of the losers' backs. All the forwards attacked strongly, with perhaps Hayes and F Matterson outstanding. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 25th July 1927)**

...And yesterday Newtown snatched the lead in the second half with only 12 men – J Holmes having been sent off early in this term – and held it to the end, amid scenes of the wildest enthusiasm. Wests were without J Brien, H Owen, F McMillan and J Parsons. **(Sunday Times 24th July 1927)**

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Notes: Wests were without their key players, McMillan, Brien, Parsons and Owen, all playing for NSW against Queensland. McMillan was very sorely missed, playing brilliantly for NSW at full-back. Dave Hey found himself at five-eighth and played superbly, making numerous breaks. Wests led 15-6 at one stage but when Jack Holmes (ex-Wests) was sent off, Newtown rallied to hit the lead. Wests threw everything at Newtown in the final stages; Edward Weldon was held up over the line, Hey and Daisley missed field goals and there were numerous other close calls but Wests were to lose a crucial match in terms of premiership hopes. Edward Wheldon, Rodolph's brother, made his debut.