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Newtown 10

Tom ELLIS P LITTLE Jim BELL Fred LIND Frederick HOCKEY Ernie TATE (c) Reg MCENCROE Reg MAKER Charlie PRENDERGAST Wally McMILLAN Jim WARWICK Les BULL Tom LEAMEY

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

Western Suburbs 8

Frank McMILLAN Jack REDMOND Cyril FLINT Cecil FIFIELD Gordon STETTLER (c) Jerry BRIEN Eric DOIG Jack DREW Bill CARPENTER Jim PARSONS Edward COURTNEY Jnr Bob LINDFIELD Cecil GILBERT

Tries

Goals

Jim BELL Frederick HOCKEY

Tom ELLIS (2)

Eric DOIG Jack REDMOND

Gordon STETTLER (1)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back, T Ellis; three-quarters, P Little, J Bell, F Lind, F H Hockey; five-eighth, E Tate; half-back, E McEnroe; forwards, R Maker, J A Warwick, L Bull, W McMillan, T Leamey, C Prendergast

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, G Stettler, C Fifield, C Flint, T Redmond; five-eighth, E Doig; half-back, J Brien; forwards, J Parsons, E Courtney, W Carpenter, J Drew, R Lindfield, C Gilbert Referee: A Thornton

Shortly after the start Ellis failed from a penalty, and Ball getting hold dodged his way over. Ellis goaled, and Newtown led 5 to nil. A scrum near centre saw Doig set his backs moving. The ball came to Brien and on to Fifield, who lost possession. Doig, however, came fast and finished the movement with a neat try. Stettler goaled. 5 all. Seconds later Doig was almost over again, but a neat tackle by McEncroe saved. Redmond now fielded a kick from Tate, and speeding along the line scored in the corner. Stettler failed with the kick, making the scores at the interval - Western Suburbs 8, Newtown 5.

During the second half Newtown players demonstrated their superiority, and it was the heady work of Hockey which gave his side a two point win. Newtown altogether gave a fine exhibition, and although the scores were nearly level, Newtown held the upper hand. The second half was well advanced before either team scored. Hockey secured after several backs had handled, and after a heady run he scored, T Ellis goaled. Newtown 10, Western Suburbs 8. These were the final scores. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 3rd May 1926)**

One of the big successes of the day was Redmond, who last year was a junior, and a lower grade one at that. He played a great game all the time and his try was first rate. Tate tapped the ball to him near half-way, and the ex-junior outpaced the field, and scored on the wing....... "Snowy" Doig played his usual sound game, but he rather spoilt his exhibition by frequent scrum breaches. Still, he easily outshone McEncroe, and Newtown may yet return to their old half, Kell. **(The Sydney Sportsman 4th May 1926)**

Notes: Wests led 8-5 in this match and should have been much further ahead, except for faulty handling. There were a lot of late changes in the listed team. Bob Lindfield and Cecil Gilbert were originally listed as reserves, with Frank McCauley in the team, with Cecil Fifield strangely listed in the forwards. The leading try scorer for Wests in 1925, Cyril Bellamy, was playing in Seconds.

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