



# 1925 Round 7 Saturday 20th June Pratten Park



## Newtown 13

def.

## Western Suburbs 10

Tom ELLIS  
George GAUDRY  
Cecil SEDDON (c)  
W LEWIS  
Frederick HOCKEY  
Keith ELLIS  
Charles KELL  
Charlie PENDERGAST  
Tom LEAMEY  
Harold BAINS  
Jim WARWICK  
Les BULL  
Tom JONES

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

Gordon DAISLEY  
Cyril BELLAMY  
Neil MATTERSON  
Frank McCAULEY  
Gordon STETTLER  
Jerry BRIEN  
Eric DOIG  
Jack DREW  
Bob LINDFIELD  
Bill CARPENTER  
Edward COURTNEY Jnr  
Edward STAPLETON (c)  
Frank MATTERSON



### Tries

Charles KELL  
Cecil SEDDON  
Jim WARWICK

Neil MATTERSON  
Gordon STETTLER

### Goals

Tom ELLIS (2)

Gordon STETTLER (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, G Daisley; three-quarters, C Bellamy, N Matterson, F McCauley, G Stettler; halves J Brien, E Doig; forwards, F Matterson, E Stapleton, E Courtney, W Carpenter, R Lindfield, J Drew

**Newtown:** Full-back, T Ellis; three-quarters, F Hockey, D Seddon, W Lewis, G Gaudry; halves, K Ellis, C Kell; forwards, T Jones, J Warwick, L Bull, C Prendergast, T Leamey, H V Bains **Referee: S Jackson**

Newtown opened with great dash, and Western Suburbs were defending strenuously for the first quarter of an hour. Despite the heavy ground both sides were playing an open game. Newtown's halves showed great combination, and were the means of giving the side an eight point lead before the opposition were warmed up. K Ellis cut through brilliantly in the first instance, and sent to Warwick, who had an easy passage. Shortly after this Newtown entrenched themselves on the goal-line, and after a succession of scrums Kell slipped through the forwards, and scored. T Ellis converted the former try. Newtown thus had a handy lead. Western Suburbs had a brief spell of attack. Stettler had kicked a neat penalty goal. He further reduced the West deficit with a fine sprinting try, which was not converted. Newtown, 8-5. There was no further scoring before half-time, though both sides had their dangerous moments. Before the interval West camped on Newtown's line for five minutes, and their forwards, eventually winning a crucial scrum, heeled to Doig, to Brien, who cut straight ahead, but was held up when over the line. In another instance Doig broke through nearly to the line, but his pass to the wing was smothered. Except for these instances, Newtown was generally on top. Their performance was their best of the season, the backs taking a larger share of the honours than in previous matches. K Ellis, Newtown's five-eighth, put in excellent defensive work, and his cutting-in and blind side movements were very effective.

There was a nasty "glue-pot" in the centre of the field. Both sides made some fine movements in the closing stages. Newtown increased their 8-5 lead a few minutes before full-time. Kell came away from a loose ruck and sent to Seddon, with the line in sight and a clear field. He scored. When T Ellis' kick went true, Newtown led 13-5. Just before time N Matterson went over and scored on the heels of a hot dribbling rush by the Wests' forwards. Stettler's goal made the scores Newtown 13 to 10. Daisley, at full-back for Wests, was safe in handling, but slow with the kick, and was often caught in possession. T Ellis, Newtown's custodian, was generally safe and accurate in kicking; he had more work than Daisley. Kell and K Ellis (Newtown) and Stettler (Wests) were the best backs in the game. Brien, the Wests five-eighth, was nippy and solid in defence. Warwick and Jones (Newtown) and Stapleton and Drew (Wests) were the pick of the forwards. In the circumstances it was a fine game, and referee S Jackson did not hold up the play any more than was necessary. **(Sunday Times 21st June 1925)**

**Notes:** This was Newtown's first win of the season but they had been playing well. Fred Lane was out for the first time in the season and he was replaced by the reliable Bob Lindfield. Frank Matterson was back after one game out. The match was played on a glue-pot but still was a good quality, hard-fought game. Wests were coming off a bye in Round 6 and this may have affected the result.