



1922 Round 3 Saturday 13th May Pratten Park



Newtown 10

Alex MAIN
 Albert CARR
 Cecil SEDDON
 Sidney MANSTED
 A WARDLEY
 Alec BOLEWSKI
 Charles KELL
 Harold BAINS
 Jack KNIGHT
 Felix RYAN (c)
 Tom JONES
 Richard TOWNSEND
 Harry CAVANOUGH

def.

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

Western Suburbs 3

Fred YANZ
 Henry HAYLOCK
 Dick VEST (c)
 Gordon STETTLE
 Wally COLLINS
 Eric DOIG
 George McGOWAN
 Jack DREW
 Louis YANZ
 Edward BROOKS
 Edward COURTNEY
 Clarrie PRENTICE
 Westley EASTERBROOK



Tries Richard TOWNSEND
 A WARDLEY

Gordon STETTLE

Goals Alec BOLEWSKI (1)
 Alex MAIN (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Fullback, F Yanz; three-quarters, W Collins, G Stettler, R Vest, H Haylock; halves, E Doig, G McGowan; forwards, E Courtney, C Prentice, W Easterbrook, L Yanz, J Drew, E Brooks

Newtown: Fullback, A Main; three-quarters, A Carr, C Seddon, S Mansted, A Wardley; halves, A Bolewski, C Kell; forwards, H Bains, J Knight, F Ryan, T Jones, R Townsend, P Cavanagh **Referee: H Thornton**

Playing against a slight breeze, Newtown kicked off, and Western Suburbs' backs got on the move. Doig secured and sent to Vest, to Stettler, who found the line with a long punt. Western Suburbs were in their opponents' 25 for ten minutes before Main brought relief by finding touch near half-way. Newtown's backs attempted a passing rush, but Seddon lost his footing when his side was looking dangerous. Western Suburbs were several times nearly over, but passes were missed. McGowan at half was not nearly as reliable as usual. The rain had been falling steadily since play commenced, and the players presented a drenched appearance. The ball was wet and heavy and the ground slippery, and the backs were unable to start attacks. At the end of a very uneventful first half Main put his side in front with a penalty goal. Newtown, 2 to nil.

At the conclusion of the interval the players filed listlessly onto the field, and the fight for supremacy was contended among the forwards. The referee was using his whistle freely, and the play was frequently held up owing to injuries. The tackling on both sides was very weak. Western Suburbs were repeatedly penalised for breaches in the scrums, and Main had several fruitless attempts at goal. Newtown owed their victory to the strength of their forwards, whose condition was excellent. The home team tired during the last ten minutes. In the second half Townsend and Wardley scored tries for Newtown, while Bolewski kicked a goal. Stettler scored a try for Western Suburbs. **(Sydney Morning Herald 15th May 1922)**

The game was rough, and towards the finish one of Western Suburbs (McGowan) was sent off the field..... the result was not a correct indication of the game. **(Sunday Times 14th May 1922)**

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Notes: This game was played in pouring rain, although it was supposedly even heavier in the City. The players were continually losing their footing and it was mainly a forward slog. Henry Haylock was again injured in a very heavy collision with Main and both players had to leave the field with 10 minutes to go. The send-off of George McGowan seemed to affect the result; Newtown scored both their tries after he was gone. Courtney again was in the thick of it. Jack Drew was rewarded for good form in Second Grade with his First Grade debut. This was a Round 3 match as Wests had the bye in Round 2.