



1924 Round 4 Saturday 24th May Pratten Park



Newtown 15

Tom ELLIS
 Roy CRIPPS
 Cecil SEDDON
 C HUNT
 Jim BELL
 Alec BOLEWSKI (c)
 Charles KELL
 Harry CAVANOUGH
 Harold BAINS
 F CHEVELL
 H EDWARDS
 Tom LEAMEY
 Les BULL
 A GALWAY

def.

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

Western Suburbs 13

Frank McMILLAN
 Neil MATTERSON
 Joe MANSTED
 Fred YANZ
 Wally COLLINS
 Fred ELLIOTT
 Eric DOIG
 Jack DREW
 Jack REDMOND
 Harold LEDDY
 Edward COURTNEY
 Clarrie PRENTICE (c)
 Edward STAPLETON



Tries Harry CAVANOUGH
 Charles KELL
 Cecil SEDDON

Edward COURTNEY (2)
 Harold LEDDY

Goals Tom ELLIS (3)

Eric DOIG (1)
 Jack REDMOND (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, W Collins, J Mansted, F Yanz, V Matterson; five-eighth, F Elliott; half-back, E Doig; forwards, E Courtney, C Prentice, J Drew, H Leddy, J Redmond, E Stapleton

Newtown: Full-back, T Ellis; three-quarters, R F Cripps, D Seddon, C Hunt, J Bell; five-eighth, A Bolewski; half-back, C Kell; forwards, F Chevell, H Edwards, M Cavanaugh, H Bains, T Leamey, L Bull **Referee: F Delaney**

Newtown had the advantage of a good wind. Inside the 25 Leamey intercepted and broke away, but his run was stopped by Matterson, who relieved with a line kick. Newtown came back, and from a ruck near the line Kell secured and dodged over for a try. Bolewski failed at goal. Newtown, 3 to nil. From outside the 25 Ellis kicked a good goal from a penalty, and Newtown led by 5 to nil. Later Seddon neatly snapped up a short kick, side-stepped a couple of tacklers, and dashed over under the bar. It was a splendid piece of play. Ellis converted, and Newtown led by 10 to nil. Doig secured, cut through, sent to Drew, on to Leddy, who showed pace in getting a try. Redmond failed to convert, and Newtown led by 10-3. Bell now retired injured, and Galway replaced him. Near Newtown 's line Kell fumbled, and Courtney toed the ball from him, followed, and gathered it, and forced his way over under the bar. Doig converted, and Newtown led by 10 to 8 at half-time.

On resuming, Western Suburbs attacked, Doig and Leddy doing good work with the ball at the toe. A good kick by Matterson gained ground, and F Yanz and J Mansted made a great effort, the latter being stopped two yards from the line. Newtown drove them back, Seddon being prominent, but McMillan, with a long punt, put his side again on the attack. A great tackle by Seddon stopped Mansted near the line, and slowly Newtown advanced to half-way. A good run and kick by Ellis gained ground and then Seddon made a run, but his pass went astray. Newtown kept on the attack, Bolewski making headway till a penalty drove them back to half-way. Then Galway ran along the line, and when blocked, threw a long pass in-field, which Cavanaugh snapped up and dashed over in the corner. Ellis converted with a good kick, and Newtown led by 15 to 8. Newtown attacked again, but McMillan, with a long punt, carried play to Newtown territory. From a high punt over the line Courtney fell on the ball for a try. Redmond converted and the final whistle blew with the scores: Newtown 15, Western Suburbs 13. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 26th May 1924)**

F McCauley suffered from bruised ligaments of the shoulder, and could not make the field. It was very unfortunate for the fast mover, and more so for Wests. He had been displaying fine form for the Seconds, and this was his first call to the Firsts.Each year thousands have tipped veteran Tedda Courtney to sky the wipe; but he has tricked them all. As hale and hearty as ever, he now imparts advice to Son Courtney of Wests' seconds before donning his jersey for the big game. **(Sydney Sportsman 27th May 1924)** - *"sky the wipe" is old slang meaning to throw in the sponge.*

Courtney is still some player, his judgement being superior to that of most of the younger men. **(The Referee 28th May 1924)**

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Notes: This was another close match where goal-kicking let the team down. It marked the return to First Grade of Jack Redmond, back from Glebe. He had played in the trials and been a reserve in previous matches. The older forwards all performed well in this match, none better than Tedda Courtney who scored two tries.