1962 Final Saturday 8th September Cricket Ground



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Newtown 13



Don PARISH
Dave BARSLEY
Fred NORDEN
Gil MacDOUGALL
Peter DIMOND
Arthur SUMMONS
Don MALONE
Kevin SMYTH
Jim CODY
Kel O'SHEA (c)
Denis MEANEY
Wal HINKLEY
John HAYES
Garry RUSSELL

Don PARISH (4)

Dave BARSLEY (1)

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

Ron WRIGHT
Bob KEYES
Graham FROST
Brian MOORE
Dudley TOWERS
Ken ROWLANDS
Morrie POWER
Ron HANSEN
Laurie TRIM
Graham WILSON
Barry NELSON (c)
Greg ELLIS
Jack GIBSON

Don PARISH (2)
Fred NORDEN
Wal HINKLEY
Dave BARSLEY

Greg ELLIS (2)

Dudley TOWERS

Graham FROST

Jack GIBSON

Match Description

Tries

Goals

Newtown: Full-back: R Wright; three-quarters: R Keyes, G Frost, B Moore, D Towers' five-eighth: K Rowlands; half: M Power; forwards: R Hanson, L Trim, G Wilson, B Nelson (c), G Ellis, J Gibson

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: D Barsley, F Norden, G MacDougall, P Dimond; five-eighth: D Malone; half: A Summons; forwards: K Smyth, K O'Shea (c), J Cody, J Hayes, W Hinckley, D Meaney

Referee: C Pearce (The Sun 8th September 1962)

A nine-minute scoring burst early in the second half carried Western Suburbs to a 25-13 victory over a short-handed Newtown in yesterday's Rugby League final at the SCG. In this spell, Wests piled on three tries to convert a 4-10 deficit into a 17-10 lead, Newtown faced a herculean task from the 12th minute when Graham Wilson, the Blues' start second-rower, was ordered off the field in somewhat sensational circumstances. Col Pearce, the referee, charged Wilson with "deliberate use of the knee" on Kel O'Shea, Wests' skipper, who was laid out on Newtown's 25. O'Shea had been tackled by Maurie Power, Newtown's half back, when Wilson ran in. There seemed to be nothing vicious in Wilson's actions, but O'Shea suffered a deep scalp wound which required three stitches. Pearce waited until O'Shea was carried to the sideline before ordering Wilson off. O'Shea then ran to the dressing room clutching a pad over the wound. He argued with a doctor and Wests' officials to allow him to resume the game but was warned against such a risk. Garry Russell came on as a replacement after 18 minutes. ... Midway through the first half, Arthur Summons, the five-eighth, sliced through on the blind side of a scrum and sent inside to Dave Barsley, the winger, who sped across near the corner. Pearce, who was trailing behind the movement, shocked the crowd by ruling that Barsley had over-run Summons' pass. ... Don Parish, who made a dazzling return to form, had landed two fine goals for Wests' only points of the first half. Newtown had countered with two goals by Ellis and a snap try in the corner by Dud Towers, the wing speedster. Towers' try came six minutes from halftime when Power worked the blindside and hoodwinked Peter Dimond, Wests' winger, with a delayed pass to Towers, who streaked over. The second half opened with a brilliant try by Graham Frost, the Newtown centre, two minutes after the resumption. But Wests hit back two minutes later. Summons streaked through diagonally in front of his own centres, and cut out the defence with a long pass to Barsley, who outpaced Wright and Bob Keyes to the corner. Parish narrowly missed the conversion but Wests added another try four minutes later. This time, Gil MacDougall, the centre, wriggled free on his 25 and sent Fred Norden away up-field. Norden straightened smartly before passing to Dimond, who slipped the ball to Parish for the try. Parish's goal gave West a 12-10 advantage. Five minutes later, Newtown's fate was virtually sealed when MacDougall sent a pass to Wal Hinckley, the replacement hooker, who caught the defence napping in a 15-yards burst to the posts. Once again, Parish goaled and Newtown a man short, needed a miracle to offset the seven points deficit. Any chance Newtown had ended 12 minutes from full-time when John Hayes tricked the defence with a pass to Norden, who dived over. ... In the forwards, Wests were best served by Dennis Meaney, Jim Cody, and Kevin Smyth, lock. Hinckley performed admirably in his initial first grade game with Wests. ... (Sunday Mirror 9th September 1962)

Notes: There was a vicious incident early in this match when Graham Wilson rushed in on Kel O'Shea who suffered a deep gash to his forehead. Wilson was sent off and although O'Shea argued vociferously to be allowed to play on, he was replaced by Garry Russell after 18 minutes. Parish and Summons both starred for Wests and Wal Hinkley, who was deputising for the suspended Kelly, only went down 13-17 in the scrums against a seasoned campaigner in Greg Ellis. Wests now had a week off to prepare for the Grand Final against St George.

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