



1933 Round 10 Saturday 22nd July Pratten Park



Newtown 18

def.

Western Suburbs 5

Tom ELLIS
Alf GRIFFITHS
Frank GILMORE
Alan RIGHTON
George OWEN
Keith ELLIS (c)
Hans MORK
Jack THOMPSON
Les BULL
Alf SMITH
Clarrie TUPPER
Clarrie STEVENSON
Henry PORTER

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

Sydney PALMER
Les MIDSON
Stan TANCRED
Cec ANDERTON
Alan BRADY
Bert GREEN
Harry OWEN
Alan BLAKE
Jack McCONNELL
Charlie CORNWELL
Bill BROGAN (c)
Bob LINDFIELD
Charlie WRENCH



Tries

Keith ELLIS
Hans MORK
Jack THORNTON
Clarrie TUPPER

Les MIDSON

Goals

Tom ELLIS (3)

Harry OWEN (1)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back: T Ellis; three-quarters: A Griffiths, F Gilmore, A Righton, G Owen; halves: K Ellis (capt), H Mork; forwards: J Thornton, A Smith, L Bull, C Tupper, C Stevenson, H Porter

Western Suburbs: Full-back: S Palmer; three-quarters: A Brady, S Tancred, C Anderton, L Midson; halves: H Owen, B Green; forwards: A Blake, C Cornwell, J McConnell, W Brogan (capt), R Lindfield, C Wrench **Referee: L Deane (Rugby League News 5th August 1933)**

In a game in which there were few bright moments Newtown's early dash carried the day, the issue being decided in the opening 20 minutes when the visitors set up a commanding lead. They experienced little difficulty in holding the advantage to the end. Midway through the first half Newtown had scored 16 points to nil and it appeared as if a runaway win was likely but Western Suburbs rallied towards the close of the half and decreased the margin. When play was resumed after the interval both teams lapsed into errors and the spectators witnessed a most uninteresting exhibition. Western Suburbs won the majority of scrums, an advantage that had not come its way in the first half but the backs played weakly and on many occasions lost ground. Only one player, Tancred, showed any initiative but in his efforts to penetrate the defence he was usually without support. Newtown also failed to snap up many chances offered by Western Suburbs' mistakes and both sets of forwards added to the dullness of the game with frequent breaches. Newtown's halves, K. Ellis and Mork, were the outstanding players in the first half and five minutes after the start they combined nicely after a scrum for the former to score between the posts. T Ellis goaled and then Mork went alone from a scrum and crossed in a good position. Mork was given a great deal of latitude and was presented with the try when the opposition raced to mark his supports leaving the goal line undefended. He was prominent again when Newtown's third try was scored making an opening for Smith who gave to Porter and the ball came back to Mork who sent Tupper across. T Ellis failed to convert and had previously missed an easy kick to convert Mork's try but he gained ground for his side with big kicks which had the Western Suburbs fullback Palmer in difficulties. Thornton scored the next try after K Ellis had beaten all but the fullback in a strong run and T Ellis' goal made the score 18 to nil. Western Suburbs' opening score came when Owen kicked a penalty goal. Just on half time Western Suburbs scored its only try, Midson crossing in the corner after good work by Anderton and Cornwell and Newtown was leading by 16 points to 5 at half time. T Ellis added a further penalty goal for Newtown the only points scored in the second half. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 24th July 1933)**

Tom Magnus and A McGuinness are new arrivals in First Grade company with Wests. Magnus has had previous experience in this grade with Balmain, mostly as a winger. "Podgy" as McGuinness is most popularly known, was called up from the Juniors at the tail end of last season and helped the Third Grade side to put in such a splendid finish that Easts had to exercise their right to challenge for a Grand Final, which they won by a small margin **(Rugby League News 5th August 1933)**

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Notes: Alan Blake came in for the injured Frank Sponberg; a good example of how the loss of the Kangaroos allowed young players to get their chance. Sydney Palmer played his one and only game for Wests, although not playing any Seconds or Thirds. He went quite poorly at full-back. In a very poor quality game. Stan Tancred was the standout player for Wests but he received very little support. The best that can be said for Wests is that they held their own in the second half when it seemed they would be overrun. The note in Rugby League News heralded the rise of Albert "Podgy" McGuinness who would eventually be one of Wests' best players in future years.