1961 Round 10 Saturday 24th June Cricket Ground

Western Suburbs 39   def.   Newtown 11

Harry WELLS (c)	*Fullback*	John KENNY
Dave BARSLEY	*Wing*	Dudley TOWERS
Bill MARTIN	*Centre*	Kevin ALLEN
Bill BROWN	*Centre*	Jim STEPHENSON
Peter DIMOND	*Wing*	Ray MONEY
Keith HOLMAN	*Five-eighth*	Tony BROWN (c)
Don MALONE	*Half*	John GRIFFIN
Kevin SMYTH	*Lock*	Ron HANSEN
John HAYES	*Second Row*	Graham WILSON
Kel O'SHEA	*Second Row*	Ray DRURIE
Denis MEANEY	*Front Row*	Brian McGOULRICK
Noel KELLY	*Hooker*	Greg ELLIS
Nev CHARLTON	*Front Row*	Brian McGREAL

Tries	John HAYES (2)	Ray DRURIE
	Don MALONE (2)	Greg ELLIS
	Dave BARSLEY	Dudley TOWERS
	Peter DIMOND	
	Denis MEANEY	
	Kevin SMYTH	
	Harry WELLS	
Goals	Keith HOLMAN (6)	Dudley TOWERS (1)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-Back: J Kenny; three-quarters: D Towers, K Allen, J Stephenson, R Money; five-eighth: A Brown (c); half: J Griffin; forwards: R Hansen, G Wilson, R Drurie, B McGoulrick, G Ellis, B McGreal

Western Suburbs: Full-back: H Wells (c); three-quarters: D Barsley, W Martin, W Brown, P Dimond; five-eighth: K Holman; half: D Malone; forwards: K Smyth, J Hayes, K O'Shea, D Meaney, N Kelly, N Charlton   **Referee: C Pearce (The Sun 24th June 1961)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday steamrolled Newtown in the last 20 minutes of the match at Sydney Cricket Ground. Wests added 18 points in this period and won 39-11. Second-rower John Hayes and half-back Don Malone spearheaded Wests' dynamic finish. Hayes scored two of the last four tries. Newtown had shown good form early and trailed only 8-13 at half-time. Wests had first advantage of the southerly breeze. But Newtown took the initiative and hammered Wests for the first 11 minutes of the match. In this period winger Dudley Towers failed with three penalty shots at goal and hooker Greg Ellis scored a try. Ellis' try in the 11th minute followed a dash Test five-eighth Tony Brown made on the blind-side of the scrum 25 yards out. .. Possession of the ball weighed heavily in Newtown's favour in the early stages. Ellis won the ball from Wests' Test hooker Noel Kelly in eight of the first nine scrums. Wests, badly shaken by the early Newtown blitz, did not enter the picture until after 20 minutes' play. Four minutes later five-eighth Holman sparked off an inspired raid which produced a try. Hooker Kelly got the ball from Holman and split the Newtown defence. Half-back Malone, winger Peter Dimond and Kelly again joined in a spectacular passing burst which ended in Malone scoring wide out. The try, which Holman failed to convert, evened the score at 3-all. Wests gained an 8-3 lead seven minutes later. Fullback Harry Wells chimed into a raid 25 yards from Newtown's line, got the ball from centre Bill Martin, cut inside and scored near the goalposts. Holman converted the try. Almost immediately afterwards lock Kevin Smyth scored Wests' third try, and Holman converted it. Wests had added 10 points in three minutes and transformed its miserable start into a 13-3 lead. Winger Towers brought Newtown back into the game a minute before half-time. … Malone scored from a play-the-ball after fullback Wells had been tackled in the corner. The try gave West a 16-11 lead. In the 12th minute of the second half Newtown full-back John Kenny injured his right ankle. He was off the field three minutes, and during this period West added five points with a try which winger Dave Barsley scored and Holman converted. … From then on Wests dominated the play. It added 18 points in the last 19 minutes. Second-rower John Hayes scored two of West's four tries in this period. **(Sunday Telegraph 25th June 1961)**

Wests won the Rugby League match of the day at SCG yesterday, but their £800 hooker took a hiding. That is what Noel Kelly, the International, cost them, but Greg Ellis, the Newtown veteran, raked him off the ground. Wests won by the cricket score of 39-11, only two weeks after they paid Queensland £800 for Kelly. Ellis won the first five scrums, went to 8-1 and after 30 minutes his tally was 9-2. Although Kelly picked up a little, the final scrum count was 16-11 in Ellis' favour. ... **(Sunday Mirror 25th June 1961)**

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Notes: A change of tactics in the second half paid dividends for Wests. Long passes were thrown from dummy half to bypass the charging Newtown forwards and this allowed Wests to run riot in the last 20 minutes; "Chow" Hayes scoring two dashing tries of the four scored. The Sunday Mirror was very tough on Noel Kelly for getting beaten in the scrums. He had a dashing game in the open.