



1908 Round 10 Saturday 25th July Wentworth Park



Western Suburbs 6

James HODGSON
 Percy FRANKS
 Arthur BROWN
 Frank FROST
 Raymond GORMLEY
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Edward ELLIS
 Horace HERINGTON
 Ernest HOLLOWAY
 Ted MEAD
 William ELLIOTT
 Jim STACK (c)
 Jim ABERCROMBIE

def.

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

Newtown 5

Frank CHEADLE
 W POWELL
 P McCORMACK
 E TAYLOR
 C MEREDITH
 C MANTON
 A NORTHWOOD
 Edward BURDETT
 E POWELL
 Thomas McINTOSH
 Edward COURTNEY
 Ernest DONOVAN
 Chris POWELL

Tries

Ray GORMLEY
 Jim STACK

Edward BURDETT

Goals

Frank CHEADLE (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs.- J. Hodgson, full-back; P. Franks, A. Brown, R Frost, R Gormley, three-quarters ; C. McFadden, five-eighth ; E. Ellis, half-back ; J. Abercrombie, J. Stack, W. Elliott, E. Meade, P. Holloway, J. Herrington, forwards.

Newtown. — F. Cheadle, full-back ; W. Powell, P. McCormack, E. Taylor, C. Meredith, three-quarters: C. Manton, A. Northwood, halves C. Powell, E. Donovan, E. Courtney, J. McIntosh, H. Powell, E. Burdett, forwards. **Mr. George Seabrook, referee.**

Western Suburbs were kept on the defensive during the early part of the game, play being confined well within their territory. Cheadle, at full-back, often made openings for the Blues by dodgy runs, but the Westerners kept them from scoring, though once they were compelled to force. Brown and Mead were prominent in defensive work, and Gormley frequently made an attempt to turn the trend of operations towards his opponents' goal. Worked past centre, Ellis obtained from a scrum, and passed to McFadden, to Frost, to Gormley, who, however, slightly overran the ball, and missed a chance. In-and-out play then took place near Western Suburbs' goal-line, until Brown and Mead, by a series of passes, transferred play to Newtown's 25. There Cheadle rushed in and speculated into safety. The Western Suburbs forwards, with the huge Abercrombie in the lead, then attacked, and, bustling Cheadle, were almost across the line; but off-side spoilt their prospects, two free kicks giving relief to the Blues. At half-time there was no score.

Western Suburbs, on resuming, continued to press, and Herington broke away at a great rate, but the Newtown full-back tackled him cleanly. McFadden then secured, dodged one of two opponents, and, when nearing the full-back, passed to Stack, who, though collared, fell over the line and scored first try. Abercrombie failed at goal. Western Suburbs, 3 to nil.

The Western Suburbs team kept up a running line of attack, and after Franks, by a fine run, had put his side in a good position, Abercrombie picked up in the loose and passed out to Stack, to Mead, to Frost, who ran well, and passed to Gormley, who scored five yards from the corner. Elliott missed the goal. Western Suburbs, 6 to nil. Newtown put in some solid work, and gradually drove them back to their 25. Meredith put in a great run along the left wing, and then the Blue forwards worked desperately to cross. A scramble ended in Burdett scoring a try, which Cheadle converted. Western Suburbs, 6 to 5 After some even play at centre, Northwood obtained from a scrum and passed out to McCormack to Meredith, but Franks was in evidence by sound tackling, and grassed Meredith in unmistakable fashion. Newtown pushed their opponents hard near the close, but full-time saw no change in the score. Western Suburbs winning by 6 points to 5. **(Sunday Times 26th July 1908)**

Notes: Horace Herington (listed as J Herrington) and Ernest Holloway (listed as P Holloway) both debuted in First Grade after having played Second Grade previously. Herington displayed a lot of pace after some good line breaks. This, of course, was a very important game for Wests as it marked their first win ever in the Rugby League premiership.