



1913 Round 12 Saturday 2nd August Pratten Park



Newtown 17

E GRIFFITHS
 Charlie RUSSELL (c)
 Herbert BOLT
 George BAIN
 Wally COLLINS
 Peter CRUISE
 Roy FARNSWORTH
 Paddy McCUE
 David GRUNDIE
 Jim McCUE
 Felix RYAN
 James MOGAN
 John BARNETT
 William NEILL
 W GREEN

def.

Western Suburbs 14

Harry CLARK
 Charles ROTHWELL
 Harold BISSETT
 Henry NAYLOR
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Henry McILLMURRAY
 Ray STEWARD
 William JOASS
 Samuel SHAW
 William FOORD
 Frank HOLT
 Westley EASTERBROOK
 Edward COURTNEY (c)
 Stan CARR



Tries

Wally COLLINS (2)
 Roy FARNSWORTH
 Paddy McCUE
 Charlie RUSSELL

William JOASS
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Henry NAYLOR
 Ray STEWARD

Goals

W GREEN (1)

William FOORD (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back, Clark; three-quarters, Bissett, Naylor, Rothwell, McFayden; halves, McIlmurray, Steward; forwards, Courtney, Easterbrook, Shaw, Holt, Joass, Foord.

Newtown: Full-back, Griffiths; three-quarters, Russell, Bain, Bolt, Collins; halves, Cruise, Farnsworth; forwards, Ryan, J McCue, Mogan, Grundie, Barnett, P McCue **Referee, Mr Charles Hedley**

Foord opened before a moderate attendance. Courtney came through with a great run, beating three-quarters and full-back but he was overtaken when he looked dangerous. Wests opened the scoring, McIlmurray securing in the loose and sending to McFayden who touched down. Western Suburbs attacked and Bain was injured. Wests now started a rush, and Steward hustled over. Foord added the extras. Western Suburbs 8, Newtown nil. The persistency of Western Suburbs' forwards had the effect of disorganising Newtown. Cruise retired for treatment with a bleeding arm, and he had no sooner returned than Neill retired with a torn shoulder sinew, and Green filled the vacancy. Western Suburbs had slackened for a while, but suddenly they came with renewed energy, Courtney, Joass, Steward and McIlmurray being prominent in a movement which gained considerable ground. Foord retired from Wests' team through the effects of vaccination, and Carr filled the gap. Russell dropped a pass, and Naylor, snapping it up, sprinted from past half-way along the wing, and scored. The wind was too strong for the kick, and the half-time whistle then sounded. Newtown hustled to Western's line, where a penalty was secured, but Russell's kick fell short. Holt was off-side in gathering, and a penalty under the bar looked good for Newtown, but Russell again failed. From the ruck the ball was whipped out to Collins, who raced over, Griffiths failing to improve the try. Western Suburbs put up a long attack, and were at last rewarded, Joass whipping up from a broken scrum near the line, and diving over. Bissett failed to convert. Griffiths and Russell raced out of a hot corner on their line, and reached half-way, where a pass went astray, but Farnsworth was handy, and being too fast for the pursuers, scored near the posts. Green converted. Farnsworth, intercepting a pass, sent to Green, to Collins, who crossed. Russell failed to improve it. Farnsworth gathered in the loose, and out-paced his opponent before sending to Cruise, to Russell, who equalised the scores. Green failed to put Newtown in the lead. Towards the close P McCue rushed in after the loose ball, and gathering it, fell over, and gave Newtown the lead. Green again failed to increase the scores. The final scores were – Newtown 17 points, Western Suburbs 14 points. **(The Sun 2nd August 1913)**

Foord had a lymph injection and retired, a very sick man, in the first half, while cobbler Carr took his place..... Easterbrook was the star forward after Courtney and McCue, and, if the selectors only visited at least one W.S. match, they would soon realise the fact. Tonight (Wednesday) the Magpies and their lady friends congregate at the Hall to sup and dance, and bid goodbye to their New Zealand two (i.e., Courtney and William Foord) **(The Sun 6th August 1913)**

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Notes: Wests looked likely to beat the very strong Newtown but were beaten by a try on the bell. Note the comment on William Foord. There was a smallpox epidemic at the time, with newspapers carrying daily tolls. This round was severely affected by the effects of vaccinations and many teams were short of players. William Foord had been selected to go to New Zealand but was very sick. Chris McKivat was another to be severely affected and couldn't tour. McIlmurray was selected at five-eighth to replace the sick Gagan but this was the position he played at St George Rugby Union and he seemed very suited and was one of the best players on the field.