



# 1962 Round 12 Sunday 8th July Henson Park



## Western Suburbs 17

def.

## Newtown 10

Don PARISH  
 Dave BARSLEY  
 Fred NORDEN  
 Gil MacDOUGALL  
 Peter DIMOND  
 Roger BUTTENSCHAW  
 Don MALONE  
 Kevin SMYTH  
 Jim CODY  
 Kel O'SHEA (c)  
 Denis MEANEY  
 Noel KELLY  
 John HAYES

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

Ron WRIGHT  
 Dudley TOWERS  
 Ken ROWLANDS  
 Tony BROWN (c)  
 Bob KEYS  
 Kevin ALLEN  
 John GRIFFIN  
 Ron HANSEN  
 John OAKLEY  
 Graham WILSON  
 Barry NELSON  
 Greg ELLIS  
 Jack GIBSON

### Tries

Kevin SMYTH  
 Fred NORDEN  
 Dave BARSLEY

Ron HANSEN  
 Dudley TOWERS

### Goals

Don PARISH (4)

Greg ELLIS (2)

### Match Description

**Newtown:** Full-back: R Wright; three-quarters: R Keys, K Rowlands, A Brown (c), D Towers; five-eighth: K Allen; half: J Griffin; forwards: R Hanson, J Oakley, G Wilson, J Gibson, G Ellis, B Nelson

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: D Barsley, F Norden, G MacDougall, P Dimond; five-eighth: R Buttenschaw; half: D Malone; forwards: K Smyth, K O'Shea (c), J Cody, D Meaney, N Kelly, W Carson     **Referee: D Lawler (as per program 7-8th July 1962 + newspaper validation)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League winger Dave Barsley, disabled by a probable fracture of the collarbone, played a vital role in the defeat of Newtown at Henson Park yesterday. Barsley suffered the injury only four minutes after the start of the game. Wests, after leading 15-10 at half-time, won 17-10. It was a hard, rugged game, with Wests' superior speed in the backline proving the vital factor. Barsley received his injury when scoring a try only four minutes after the start of the game. When hemmed in by defenders Barsley dived to score the try. Before half-time he told referee Darcy Lawler he was injured and might not return for the second half. A replacement was standing by to take Barsley's place. Barsley decided to continue in the second half and went to hospital after the match. Wests yesterday showed its best form of the season. Newtown won the set scrums 18-12 but Wests were always more dangerous when in possession. Wests' Captain Kel O'Shea was the best player on the field. O'Shea made many long runs from the rucks, tackled grimly and led his team capably. Newtown proved an equal match for Wests in the forwards, with second-rower Graham Wilson having an outstanding game. **(Daily Telegraph 9th July 1962)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team ended Newtown's winning run by beating *them* 17-10 in a torrid match at Henson Park. The defeat was Newtown's first in six matches. Wests are now second in the competition with 18 points – three behind St George and two ahead of Newtown and Parramatta. A crowd of only 8,136 saw a match of grim tackling in which Wests made more decisive use of the ball. Both teams threw the ball about as they strived to break through. Tries came suddenly in a spectacular first half, during which the scores fluctuated and the crowd roared continually. Wests led 15-10 at half-time. Only two points were scored in the second half, which developed into a grim forward battle. Wests defended a lot as Newtown won 10 scrums to four in the first half. Newtown's attack was too cumbersome and lacked variety. Wests nearly always looked dangerous when they had possession in the second half. On four occasions they went close to scoring. Three times, vital passes were either knocked on or intercepted by a Newtown defender. Wests' giant prop Denis Meaney finished only inches from the line in a stirring run. Former Test second-row forward Kel O'Shea played one of his best matches of the season. In the heavy work, Meaney was prominent, particularly in his distribution of the ball from the rucks. ... **(Sydney Morning Herald 9th July 1962)**

Wests' good form in beating Newtown 17-10 at Henson Park yesterday was the best possible support for the club's claim for a Rugby League match with England. Wests will press tonight for permission to play the Englishmen at Pratten Park next Saturday week. The Wests-Newtown game was played much harder than either of the two Tests decided so far this season. Club teams playing England have a great incentive to do well and Wests could be relied on to make a match of it. ....**(The Sun 9th July 1962)**

**Notes:** Dave Barsley, although suffering from a probable fractured collar-bone, still played very strongly, after refusing to leave the field. Kel O'Shea played a powerful match, reliving his Test era performances. Denis Meaney was also a tower of strength. Newtown was the form team of the competition so this was a very good win at Henson Park.