



1952 Round 13 Saturday 12th July Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 17

def.

Newtown 7

George BAIN
Bill CALLINAN
Col RATCLIFF
Gerry LOWE
Fred MULLEN
Dudley BEGER
Leo TREVENA
Keith CULLEN
Ron WATSON
Don SCHOFIELD
Don STAIT
Bede GOFF
Kevin HANSEN (c)

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

Gordon CLIFFORD (c)
Horrie KESSEY
Ray PRESTON
Kevin CLARKE
Ken WATSON
Alan METCALFE
Jack BAXTER
Jack LINDQUIST
Chris O'BRIEN
Vic CARTER
Jim EVANS
Stan ARCHER
John LIGHTFOOT



Tries Keith CULLEN
Fred MULLEN
Don SCHOFIELD

Vic CARTER

Goals George BAIN (3)
Dudley BEGER (1)

Gordon CLIFFORD (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: G Bain; three-quarters: W Callinan, C Ratcliffe, G Lowe, F Mullens; five-eighth: D Beger; half: L Trevena; forwards: K Cullen, D Schofield, R Watson, D Stait, B Goff, K Hansen

Newtown: Full-back: G Clifford; three-quarters: H Kessey, K Watson, R Preston, K Clarke; five-eighth: A Metcalfe; half: J Baxter; forwards: J Lindquist, V Carter, C O'Brien, J Lightfoot, S Archer, J Evans **Referee: A Shiner (Rugby League News 9th August 1952)**

Newtown's 7-17 defeat by Western Suburbs at Pratten Park yesterday ended its chance of making the final four in the League competition. West led 7-2 at half-time. The match was of poor standard, marred by bad handling and poor passing. Wests, the main offender, is the competition leader. With only a minute of play, Wests front-row forward Kev Hansen and Newtown's second-rower Vic Carter were sent off. Referee Austen Shiner, sent them off for having punched each other in a ruck. The duel between fullbacks George Bain (Wests) and Gordon Clifford (Newtown) was the feature of the game. Both handled well and found the line with long kicks, Bain giving a slightly better display. Both failed as goal-kickers. Bain kicked only three goals from eight attempts, and Clifford two from seven. Wests' centres Col Ratcliff and Gerry Lowe combined well and were always dangerous in attack. Mishandling at critical moments marred their efforts. **(The Daily Telegraph 13th July 1952)**

....Wests were not hard pressed to win by 17 points to seven. Hansen and Carter were called out from a heated ruck. Earlier the referee had spoken to the opposing hookers. The game was marked by constant infringements. Passes were dropped almost as frequently as they were accepted, and it was not unusual to see play swing from one end of the field to the other as opponents swooped on the ball as it was grassed. West's first try was the result of a fine movement. Wests' inside-centre, Lowe, set the movement going near half-way, and the ball travelled out to Callinan on the wing. Hemmed in, he shot the ball back high over his head. Trevena gathered on his upstretched fingertips and sent it smartly to Schofield to score in a handy position. Wests' second try should not have been allowed. Newtown forward, Evans, was moving in quickly to tackle the man with the ball but he was held by an opponent. The referee did not notice the incident. Wests owed its win largely to the constructive work of its centres, Ratcliffe and Lowe. Lowe found many holes in the defence and the strong-running Ratcliffe capitalised on the advantage. ... **(The Sunday Herald 13th July 1952)**

State forward Kevin Hansen was sent off for the first time in his football career when Wests beat Newtown 17-7 at Pratten Park yesterday. Hansen and Newtown forward Vic Carter were ordered off by referee Austin Shiner in the final minutes. Shiner later said they would be reported for punching. Punches flew in a ruck on the far side of the field and Shiner immediately sent off Carter and Hansen. They laughed and talked together as they walked to the dressing-room. The game had been hard and injuries were frequent, but there had been no undue roughness.....**(The Sun 13th July 1952)**

Notes: In a poor quality match with lots of mishandling, the main talking point was the send-off of Kevin Hansen and Vic Carter late in the match for fighting. It was the first time Kevin Hansen had been sent off and both he and Carter laughed and joked as they walked off. The Wests' centres, particularly Gerry Lowe, were in dominant form and Wests were never troubled to win in a lack-lustre match.