



1931 Round 13 Saturday 8th August Pratten Park



Newtown 36

Tom ELLIS (c)
 Fred HOCKEY
 Stan WATERSON
 Joe GARTNER
 H HAMILTON
 Frank GILMORE
 Hans MORK
 Jack THORNTON
 Les BULL
 G BURNS
 Jack DAVIES
 W JONES
 George McCARTHY

def.

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

Western Suburbs 13

Bill RYAN
 Alan RIDLEY
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Cliff PEARCE
 Alan BRADY
 Harry CAMERON
 Harry OWEN (c)
 Frank MATTERSON
 Charlie WRENCH
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Bert GREEN
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Cecil RHODES



Tries

Jack DAVIES (2)
 Les BULL
 Joe GARTNER
 Jack THORNTON
 Stan WATERSON

Harry CAMERON
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Charlie WRENCH

Goals

Tom ELLIS (9)

Harry OWEN (2)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back, T Ellis (capt); three-quarters, H Hamilton, S Waterson, J Gartner, F Hockey; halves, F Gilmore, H Mork; forwards, J Thornton, L Bull, C Burns, G McCarthy, J Davies, W Jones

Western Suburbs: Full-back, W Ryan; three-quarters, A Brady, C Pearce, K Sherwood, A Ridley; halves, H Cameron, H Owen (capt); forwards, F Matterson, B Green, C Cornwall, C Wrench, C Rhodes, R Lindfield **Referee: W Fry (Rugby League News 15th August 1931 p15.)**

There was a crowd of about 5000 when Gilmore opened for Newtown. Newtown kept up the pressure, and Ellis made no mistake with a penalty from the 25. Newtown 2, Western Suburbs nil. Newtown, however, were soon rewarded, Ellis kicking his second goal from a penalty Newtown 4, Western Suburbs nil. The reverse made Wests come with a great burst, and after Pearce and Ridley were nearly in Cameron dummied his way over between the posts. Owens goaled and put the home side a point in front. Western Suburbs 5, Newtown 4. Wests were lucky to score again a minute later. Cameron kicked the ball at half-way, and Sherwood, who was standing fully 10 yards off-side, ran through and picked up, to score wide out. Cornwall failed with the kick. Wests 8. Newtown 4. Newtown came back, and after some solid rucking on the Western Suburbs' line. Davies picked up and forced his way over. Ellis kicked the goal, and once more gave his side the lead. Newtown 9, Wests 8. Another penalty to Newtown saw Ellis land his fourth goal. Newtown 11, Wests 8. Newtown were over again shortly after. Mork broke through near Wests' line, and sent to Thornton, who crossed. Ellis failed with the kick. Newtown 14, Wests 8..... However, Newtown were soon back again, and Gartner made a fine dodgy run to score near the post. Ellis converted. Newtown 19, Wests 8. Half-time scores:—Newtown, 19. Western Suburbs 8.

On resuming, Wests were all out to wipe off the deficit. ... Going again, Owen sent to Cameron, to Sherwood, who made a great run and cross-kicked. Wrench was handy and scored. Owen landed the goal. Newtown 19, Wests 13. Newtown rushed play downfield. And Mork was nearly over. However, a penalty came to Newtown and Ellis landed his sixth goal. Newtown 21, Wests 13. ... Newtown, however, were soon over again. The ball came from the ruck to Gilmore, to Davies, who dived over between the posts. Ellis added the extras. Newtown 26. Wests 13. Full-time scores. —Newtown 36, Western Suburbs 13 **(The Sun 8th August 1931)**

As a result of a finely-written article by Claude Corbett in the "Sun" a few weeks back, the shadow of unemployment, hovering over the head of Bill Brogan, has been swept away. Mr J W McGraw, of Bankstown, an ardent admirer of the big fellow, immediately got in touch with Bill, the outcome being that the new ice distributor in the person of William Brogan, on and from September 1st from which date Bill starts his new venture. It is hoped that all the followers of the local club will show their appreciation of this popular fellow's efforts to make their Saturday afternoon's sport enjoyable, by giving instructions to their wives or landladies that all the ice during the coming summer months must be purchased from Bill, who will be easily recognised through the fact that he has promised to tour his rounds without wearing headgear.. **(Rugby League News 22nd August 1931)**

Notes: This was a big upset and Wests were obviously feeling the effects of playing a brutal Monday game against Group 9. Harry Owen took over the captaincy from Bill Brogan and the Rugby League News highlighted why Bill had been missing; the Depression was really starting to bite. It looked like Bill Ryan had fractured his ankle but it was found to be not as serious as thought. This was a bad loss heading to the semi-finals.