



1955 Round 13 Saturday 9th July Henson Park



Newtown 32

Gordon CLIFFORD
 Ray PRESTON
 Dick POOLE (c)
 Brian CLAY
 Kevin CONSIDINE
 Ray KELLY
 Bobby WHITTON
 Peter RYAN
 Henry HOLLOWAY
 Frank NARVO
 Les HAMPSON
 Max KITE
 Don STAIT

def.

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

Western Suburbs 6

Noel TREVENA
 Kevin THOMPSON
 Bill BAILEY
 Keith DEACON
 John THOMPSON
 Bill BROWN
 Keith HOLMAN (c)
 Nev CHARLTON
 Bill CARSON
 Bill OWENS
 Ron WATSON
 Bede GOFF
 John HARRISON



Tries Kevin CONSIDINE (3)
 Frank NARVO
 Don STAIT
 Dick POOLE

Goals Gordon CLIFFORD (7) Keith HOLMAN (3)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back: G Clifford; three-quarters: K Considine, B Clay, R Poole (c), R Preston; five-eighth: R Kelly; half: R Whitton; forwards: P Ryan, F Narvo, H Holloway, L Hampson, M Kite, D Stait

Western Suburbs: Full-back: N Trevena; three-quarters: K Thompson, K Deacon, J Fitzgerald, J Thompson; five-eighth: W Brown; half: K Holman (c); forwards: N Charlton, W Carson, W Owens, J Harrison, B Goff, R Watson **Referee: C Brown (as per program Rugby League News 9th July 1955)**

The New South Wales Rugby League's interpretation of the play-the-ball rule should settle many controversies. The official interpretation is: When a player is tackled and brought to the ground, he must be allowed to regain his feet immediately with the ball in his possession. He must face his opponent's goal-line. The tackled player must immediately drop the ball in front of him and after it has touched the ground, it may be played in any direction by the foot of either player in the play the ball.

Neither player can raise a foot off the ground until the ball has reached the ground. After the ball has been placed with the foot and comes clear of the players in the play the ball movement, it may be played by any player of either side who is on-side. The acting half-back must stand one yard immediately behind his player playing the ball and all other players must have their body clearly behind the acting half-back. All players not behind the acting half-back when the ball is played are deemed to be off-side and cannot come into the play until placed on-side. To be placed on-side after the ball movement, an off-side player must have one of his own side run past him whilst in possession of the ball or he must retire towards his own goal-line past the spot that was occupied by the acting half-back. **(Rugby League News October 1954)**

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Notes: There was a strike in this period of all newspapers and there is no record at all of this match. The Rugby League News printed a program on the day as the only evidence of a team list. The interpretation of the play-the-ball rule is printed above. It had been controversial for the whole season, generating many penalties