



1932 Round 14 Saturday 27th August Sports Ground



Newtown 17

Tom ELLIS (c)
 Jack KESSEY
 Frank GILMORE
 Joe GARTNER
 Alf GRIFFITHS
 Keith ELLIS
 Eric MORK
 Jack THORNTON
 Jack HUXLEY
 Jack DAVIES
 Les BULL
 Arthur FOLWELL
 Charlie STEVENSON

def.

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

Western Suburbs 7

Frank McMILLAN
 Alan BRADY
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Cliff PEARCE
 Alan RIDLEY
 Jack McGLINN
 Les MEAD
 Frank SPONBERG
 Bill RYAN
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Bill BROGAN (c)
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Cecil RHODES



Tries Alf GRIFFITHS (2)
 Jack KESSEY

Charlie CORNWELL

Goals Tom ELLIS (4)

Les MEAD (2)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back: T Ellis (capt); three-quarters: J Kessey, F Gilmore, J Gartner, A Griffiths; halves: K Ellis, E Mork; forwards: J Thornton, J Huxley, J Davies, L Bull, A Folwell, C Stevenson

Western Suburbs: Full-back: F McMillan; three-quarters: A Brady, C Pearce, K Sherwood, A Ridley; halves: L Mead, J McGlenn; forwards: F Sponberg, C Cornwell, W Ryan, C Rhodes, R Lindfield, W Brogan (capt) **Referee: W Fry (Rugby League News 3rd September 1932)**

Most League enthusiasts anticipated a win for Western Suburbs in its engagement with Newtown and as a consequence only 4545 persons attended. ... Luck certainly was with the winners as two of the tries were scored as a result of similar mistakes by Western Suburbs defenders and, peculiarly, both scores were recorded by centre three-quarter Griffith. Still, the Blue 13 entered into the fray with grim determination which was maintained to the final bell and Western Suburbs despite great efforts to record points was beaten by a better side on the day. An analysis of the play shows that an early score gave Newtown the necessary confidence and the sudden change of the prevailing wind also favouring the team; the half-time scores were 15 to nil against Western Suburbs. Newtown concentrated on a defensive game in the second half, Thornton being taken out of the pack and figuring as an extra three-quarter. Western Suburbs made determined efforts to score but the Blue defence was impregnable and the final figures 17 to 7 were a fair indication of the play. Newtown opened the scoring with a scrambling try by Griffiths. Ridley, who has been playing at his top form, failed to hold a rolling ball near the Western Suburbs line and several Newtown players dived on it, Griffiths being awarded the try. T Ellis goaled. A good movement was responsible for the next score. Bull snapped up from a ruck and gave to Huxley on to Thornton who ran McMillan out of play before transferring to Kessey and the winger touched down. T Ellis again goaled. McMillan erred in an attempt to throw the ball to Ridley when behind his own line and Griffiths, who was again handy, seized the leather and scored an easy try. T Ellis was again successful with the kick at goal. The half time bell rang with Western Suburbs attacking strongly and the score 15 to nil in favour of Newtown.

On resumption Western Suburbs continued to do the attacking. Mead was getting a better share of the ball from the frequent scrums and the three-quarters were seen in several strong bursts. Ridley was responsible for the opening that paved the way for the team's initial score. Mead gave him the ball and the winger covered 40 yards before transferring to Cornwell who crossed between the posts. Mead's kick at goal hit the crossbar but bounced over. ... Western Suburbs was awarded several penalties in the Newtown quarter and after bad lofting by Brogan, Ryan, and McMillan, Mead kicked a penalty goal from in front of the posts. T Ellis closed the scoring with a good penalty goal. The winner's pack was mainly responsible for the success. Cornwell and Sponberg did best in the Western Suburbs vanguard. Opponents found the former a hard man to bring down and as a consequence he made many inroads into the Blues territory. Brogan found Thornton and Bull paying him much attention and could not play his usual good game. Mead was an outstanding half. His penetrative ability is unquestioned but he rather overdid his runs and neglected waiting supports. Ridley showed glimpses of real brilliance but his two mistakes cost the side 10 points. ... **(The Sydney Morning Herald 29th August 1932)**

The ex-country and Kangaroo winger, Alan Ridley, accounted for twelve tries in thirteen matches in season 1931. Up to date he has eclipsed that total, and has crossed the opposing line sixteen times. Morry Boyle twelve, Ben Wearing eleven and F Hockey ten are the only other players to get double figures. **(Rugby League News 10th September 1932)**

Notes: This was a big upset where Newtown were favoured by a wind change early in the first half and scored two tries off Wests' mistakes. Lindfield, for once, was beaten in the scrums but Mead and Ridley were again stand-outs. Ridley was easily the leading try scorer in the competition. Balmain beat a depleted Easts to knock Newtown out of the semis by one point.