



1935 Round 17 Saturday 24th August Pratten Park



Newtown 18

Alan RIGHTON
 Frank HURLEY
 Tommy NEVIN
 Keith ELLIS
 Joe GARTNER
 Charlie ELLIOTT
 Hans MORK
 Ray JOHNSTON
 Gordon McLENNAN
 Allan ELLIS
 Jack DAVIES
 Arthur FOLWELL (c)
 Bill DENNETT

def.

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

Western Suburbs 10

Jim SHARMAN
 Vince SHEEHAN
 Cliff PEARCE (c)
 Alan BRADY
 Alan RIDLEY
 Stan TANCRED
 Les MEAD
 Bill McLEOD
 Athol SMITH
 Ron EATON
 Bert GREEN
 Ray WALDON
 Vince CLEARY



Tries

Jack DAVIES
 Frank HURLEY
 Ray JOHNSTON
 Tommy NEVIN

Alan BRADY
 Athol SMITH

Goals

Allan ELLIS (3)

Les MEAD (2)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back: A Righton; three-quarters: F Hurley, T Nevin, K Ellis, J Gartner; halves: C Elliott, H Mork (capt); forwards: R Johnston, A Ellis, G McLennon, J Davies, A Folwell, W Dennett

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: A Ridley, C Pearce (capt), A Brady, V Sheehan; halves: S Tancred, L Mead; forwards: W McLeod, R Eaton, A Smith, V Cleary, R Waldon, B Green **Referee: A Davis (Rugby League News 31st August 1935)**

M Gray, the Western Suburbs forward who was injured in the previous round was omitted. A Ridley the international winger who was making his last appearance with Western Suburbs before retiring was given a fine reception by the crowd. The inclusion of Walden as hooker for Western Suburbs was not a success for as in previous matches the side was repeatedly beaten for possession in the scrums. This contributed largely to the defeat coupled with the fine display of the Newtown forwards.Johnston was the star in the two movements leading to Newtown's first half tries. For the first he toed past Mead when that player failed to hold the ball after Western Suburbs had secured from a ruck. Johnston picked up cleverly and sent Davies over and later he combined nicely with Hurley and scored. Western Suburbs was disappointing, the backs doing little with the ball when it did go their way. Sharman and Pearce made ground before the big centre got through to send Smith over wide out for Western Suburbs' only first half try, Newtown being ahead by 10 points to 3 at the interval. Western Suburbs had the advantage of the wind in the second half, and late in the game appeared to have a chance when Brady scored behind the posts for Mead to convert. Newtown, however, put the issue beyond doubt with a fine try from a movement in which Nevin shone. Mork set the backs going and Nevin made a neat opening, and Hurley came fast to score wide out. A Ellis, who had kicked well throughout, goaled from near touch. Newtown's best backs were Hurley, Nevin, Elliott, and Mork, with Johnston, Folwell and McLennan the pick of the forwards. Mead tried hard for Western Suburbs, being well supported by Sharman, Pearce and Brady in the backs, and McLeod and Smith in the forwards. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 26th August 1935)**

The decision of Alan Ridley to definitely retire from active participation in the game for the purpose of entering upon a promising business engagement added another severe jolt to those already suffered by Wests this season. It seems only the other day that the writer, at the instance of Bill Brogan, made overtures to Alan with a view of having him join up with the "Magpies" and since that year of 1931 the tall winger has played in 60 first grade games with the club, and has made a successful tour to England and several visits to Queensland in between times. He leaves the playing arena with the very best wishes of everyone connected to the club, to whom his future success in his new sphere of life will be as pleasing to hear of as those of his best displays in the code which he loved so well. **(Rugby League News 31st August 1935)**

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Notes: The big news to come from this game was the announcement that Alan Ridley was to retire for business reasons. The big Kangaroo winger was given a rousing reception from the crowd. He had been a crowd favourite from the first time he played for Wests in 1931. He was also going to be a big loss for the National team. Ray Waldon made his debut, but like the other hookers that had been tried, he was soundly beaten in the scrums. The loss of Bob Lindfield was still being keenly felt. The injury toll was destroying the premiership chances; Bert Green was called back into Firsts but the new pack was soundly outplayed by the lighter Newtown six. The game was still close however, until Newtown scored a winning try in the last ten minutes.