



1910 Round 2 Saturday 14th May Metters Sports Ground



Newtown 30

def.

Western Suburbs 0

Alby HAWKES
 Charlie RUSSELL
 David GRUNDIE
 Viv FARNSWORTH
 Frank MUNNERY
 William FARNSWORTH
 Frank GRESHIER
 Joe MURRAY
 Herbert CHEVALL
 Paddy McCUE
 Edward BURDETT
 John BARNETT
 William NOBLE (c)

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

Bill MEDCALF
 Ernest WELLING
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Frank FEENEY
 Henry NAYLOR
 Percy BOLT (c)
 William MANTLE
 Tom DOYLE
 Verner JARVIS
 Wal BARCLAY
 Ernest PALMER
 A OWEN
 Ted MEAD



Tries Edward BURDETT (2)
 Viv FARNSWORTH (2)
 William NOBLE (2)
 John BARNETT
 Paddy McCUE

Goals Alby HAWKES (2)
 Paddy McCUE (1)

Match Description

Newtown - A Hawkes, full-back; C Russell, D Grundy, V Farnsworth, F Munnery, three-quarters; W Farnsworth and F Greshier, halves; J Barnett, P McCue, W Noble, E Burdett, J Murray, H Chevell, forwards

Western Suburbs - Medcalf, full-back; E Wellings, C McFayden, F Feeney, H Naylor, three-quarters; N Bolt and C Mantle, halves; T Doyle, A Owens, C Jarvis, E Palmer, O Barclay, E Mead, forwards. **Referee, Mr W. P. Finegan**

Barnett kicked off for Newtown, who at once worked play to Western Suburbs 25, where it remained for some time. In the loose at centre W Farnsworth picked up, passed to Russell, to V Farnsworth, who slipped down near the line, the ball going into touch. Shortly afterwards, Murray broke away, passed to V Farnsworth, to Russell, to Noble, who ran in and scored the first try; Russell failed at goal. Newtown 3 to nil. Next Burdett broke away with the ball at his feet, and Western Suburbs were compelled to force. Burdett picked up in the ruck, jumped over an opponent's head, passed to Noble, who scored a second try, which Hawkes converted. Newtown 8 to nil.

Near the centre McCue picked up, passed to Burdett, to Murray who was held up over the line. A few minutes later Burdett followed on a kick, gathered it in, and dodged across the line; Hawkes again converted. Newtown 13 to nil. Western Suburbs restarted by forcing matters, working the play to Newtown's 25. From a rush by the three-quarters Naylor got over the line but was called back, the ball being passed forward.

Newtown were then penalised, but Medcalf's attempt at goal went wide. Newtown were getting the ball nine times out of ten from the scrum and the backs played with it. Greshier secured near the goal-line, and passed out to Burdett, who forced himself over, but Hawkes failed at goal. Newtown 16 to nil. Despite the scoring, Western Suburbs were defending with pluck; Wellings, Naylor, Jarvis and Mead being prominent in this respect. However, the Blues were not to be kept out. D Grundy passed to W Farnsworth to V Farnsworth, who scored a try, Burdett failed at goal. Newtown 19 to nil. Play was stopped for a while, Medcalf having hurt his knee. V Farnsworth picked up in the centre, ran well, and sent the ball to Russell, who side-stepped nicely, and then passed back again to V Farnsworth, who scored after some clever play. Russell, in a good attempt at goal, failed. Newtown 22 to nil. Munnery, for Newtown, pick up smartly near Western Suburbs' 25, ran well along touch, passed out; McCue, coming through, took the ball over the line at his feet, and scored, but Russell failed at goal - 25 to nil. A few minutes later Barnett broke away, and, having a clear run, scored behind the posts. McCue's kick was successful. Newtown 30 to nil. **(Sunday Times 15th May 1910)**

Notes: Bill Medcalf was mentioned in one report as a half-back but this was likely an error as he played most of his football at full-back and the halves were the same as Round 1. One of Burdett's tries was obtained by "hurdling over an opponent's head" (**Arrow 21st May 1910**). The first three rounds had some confusion in team lists where the Sunday Sun put in Abercrombie and Grinsted in both Rounds 2 & 3. There is no evidence that Fred Grinsted got onto the field in those games. Note: Percy Bolt was captain in both these matches meaning almost certainly Abercrombie didn't play. An Owen is mentioned in every other report however in both rounds. He is also mysterious however since there is no Owen who ever plays a Trial or Second Grade match and no Owen plays for any other team in this era. Why he played two matches and no more and who he was will remain a mystery until further evidence can be found. It is interesting that this match was a postponed match because of the death of King Edward VII the previous week leading to all matches being cancelled.