



1959 Round 3 Saturday 4th April Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 25

def.

Newtown 18



Darcy RUSSELL (c)
 Ian MOIR
 Harry WELLS
 Peter DIMOND
 Bernie KELLY
 Darcy HENRY
 Ron SUDLOW
 Kel O'SHEA
 Jack BOWMAN
 Bill CARSON
 Mark PATCH
 Bede GOFF
 Nev CHARLTON

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

Ron WRIGHT
 Ray MONEY
 Terry McGOVERN
 Peter MEREDITH
 Kevin CONSIDINE
 Tony BROWN
 Bobby WHITTON (c)
 Peter RYAN
 Barry HARRIS
 Noel DOLTON
 Brian McGOULRICK
 Wal HINCKLEY
 Alan CAMERON

Tries

Darcy RUSSELL (2)
 Harry WELLS
 Mark PATCH
 Ian MOIR

Kevin CONSIDINE (2)
 Peter MEREDITH
 Bobby WHITTON

Goals

Darcy RUSSELL (5)

Kevin CONSIDINE (2)
 Ron WRIGHT (1)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back: R Wright; three-quarters: R Money, T McGovern, P Meredith, J Jennett; five-eighth: A Brown; half: B Whitton (c); forwards: P Ryan, B Harris, N Dolton, B McGoulrick, W Hinckley, A Cameron

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell (c); three-quarters: I Moir, H Wells, P Dimond, B Kelly; five-eighth: D Henry; half: R Sudlow; forwards: K O'Shea, J Bowman, W Carson, M Patch, B Goff, N Charlton **Referee: D Lawler (The Sun 4th April 1959)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League full-back Darcy Russell scored two tries in an exciting second half rally which enabled Wests to beat Newtown 25-18 at Pratten Park yesterday. Russell scored 10 of the 13 points during the 10-minute rally which lifted Wests from a one-point deficit to its 12 point winning margin. Russell finished the match with a total of 16 points, from two tries and five goals. His line-kicking from penalties and general play often gained Wests 40 to 50 yards. Wests, despite its win, again showed unconvincing form. There was far too much accent on individual efforts rather than teamwork. Wests' coach Vic Hey was disappointed with his team's showing, even allowing for Newtown's close marking tactics and absence of star half-back Keith Holman. Before Wests' dynamic second half rally, Newtown had clung grimly to a 13-12 lead and was intent on scoring a shock win. But in ten minutes Wests, in a riot of scoring, put the match beyond doubt. Within a few minutes, Russell was over for this second try, after fine work by Test winger Ian Moir. Russell scored the first and third tries and centre Harry Wells, playing his first competition match of the season, scored the second one after a breakthrough by Darcy Henry. Both of Russell's tries were gems. The first came when he was tackled near the touchline about 20 yards out. No Newtown forward marked him, so Russell kicked the ball on, scooped it up and crossed for a well-earned try. His second try was the result of a fine piece of work by Ian Moir. Moir received the ball and raced down the touchline but with Tony Brown coming in for a tackle, Moir waited until the last minute. He lobbed a long pass to Russell who went over again. This ten minute rally was the one saving feature of Wests' display. Wests led 10-5 at half-time, and 12-5 shortly after the resumption of play, but it did not look to be a happy combination. There were many individual bursts, but the majority of them died with the player going to ground with the ball. Sometimes this was due to the player not getting his pass away, but more often it was lack of backing-up. On many occasions Wests' outstanding forward, Nev Charlton, burst through from a ruck, only to go down under a group of Newtown defenders, with no support. Leading 12-5, shortly after half-time, Wests looked set for a win. But Newtown winger Kevin Considine, playing his 100th first-grade match, scored two tries and converted one of them to give Newtown a 13-12 lead. Both of these tries were the result of brilliant attacking play by centre Terry McGovern. Twice he shot past Peter Dimond and Moir had to come infield and leave Considine unmarked. Newtown lost its full-back Ron Wright, late in the match with an injured shoulder. In the Newtown team Tony Brown did a lot of tackling and second-row forward Barry Harris made some bumping runs. **(Sun-Herald 5th April 1959)**

Notes: Keith Holman was still heavily affected by flu and Ron Sudlow again substituted. Harry Wells was back from injury and scored a good try. Darcy Russell had one of his best games so far for Wests with two brilliant tries and five good goals. Ian Moir's dash was a significant factor in one of Russell's tries. Newtown employed close marking tactics, which stymied a lot of the Wests' attack, but they were still too strong in the end.