



1913 Round 5 Saturday 31st May Erskineville Oval



Newtown 27

E GRIFFITHS
 Charlie RUSSELL (c)
 W GREEN
 Herbert BOLT
 Wally COLLINS
 Roy FARNSWORTH
 D TURNER
 Jim McCUE
 John BARNETT
 David GRUNDIE
 Paddy McCUE
 Walter HADDOCK
 Joe MURRAY

def.

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

Western Suburbs 2

Harry CLARK
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Harold BISSETT
 Henry NAYLOR
 Leslie WEST
 George GAGAN
 Ray STEWARD
 Westley EASTERBROOK
 Albert BURDUS
 William FOORD
 Eddie GRIFFITHS
 William JOASS
 Edward COURTNEY (c)



Tries

D TURNER (2)
 Herbert BOLT
 Walter HADDOCK
 Joe MURRAY
 Jim McCUE
 Paddy McCUE

Goals

Charlie RUSSELL (3)

Eddie GRIFFITHS (1)

Match Description

Newtown: Fullback, Griffith; three-quarters, Russell, Green, Bolt, Collins; halves, Turner, R Farnsworth; forwards, Haddock, J McCue, Murray, Grundie, Barnett, P McCue

Western Suburbs: Fullback, Clark; three-quarters, West, Bissett, Naylor, McFayden; halves, Gagen, Steward; forwards, Courtney, Easterbrook, Burdus, Griffiths, Joass, Foord **Referee: Mr Charles Hedley**

Russell opened play before an attendance of 3000 spectators on a heavy ground. Scrums marked the early play, with Newtown working goalwards. Intercepting a pass at half-way, Bissett ran to Newtown's 25 and punted over the fullback, although he had two followers waiting for a pass. However, Newtown were penalised, and Griffiths landed an easy goal for Western Suburbs. This success was followed by a prolonged attack by Western Suburbs. Newtown's backs made numerous efforts to carry play out of their 25, but the tackling was too good. P McCue being illegally tackled, Griffiths essayed the penalty kick, the ball rebounding from the cross bar. Newtown looked like scoring with a determined rush, but Clark relieved with a long punt, which was greatly assisted by the wind. Western Suburbs had a long stay in Newtown's territory, but could not find any opening, scrambling rushes being their principal method of attack. McCue and Murray frequently broke away with the ball, but did not cover much ground before being smothered. Farnsworth, Grundie and Haddock were instrumental on carrying to Wests' line, where, from a scrum, Farnsworth secured and sent to Bolt, to Murray, who ran across unopposed. Russell converted. Newtown, 5; Western Suburbs, 2. Play livened considerably, Newtown's combination showing to advantage, although a high wind held them in check. Half-time scores – Newtown, 5; Western Suburbs, 2. Newtown, with advantage of the wind, advanced from the opening of the second half with long punts. Green was almost over, but the pass he accepted was forward. In trying to run out from his line Joass dropped the ball and Bolt secured it and touched down. Russell failed to improve the try. Western Suburbs were now in difficulties from Newtown's persistent attacks. A broach in the scrum brought 2 points, Russell piloting the leather from a different angle in a tricky wind. Newtown, 10; Western Suburbs 2. Bissett with a great run, brought Wests into Newtown territory but the play did not remain there long, Griffiths finding the line neatly in the opposite 25. Newtown kept up the attack, and from a scramble, P McCue kicked to Collins, who scored, Russell failing to convert. Newtown 13; Western Suburbs 2. A particularly fine run by Bissett brought him to the fullback, where he passed to McFayden, who did not possess enough pace to cover the unoccupied ground. Then Naylor broke through, but West fumbled. Newtown worked to the line again, where J McCue fell across from a scramble. Green made a fine effort to convert. A temporary visit by Wests to Newtown's 25 was relieved by a passing rush, in which Farnsworth, Murray and Barnett figure Green took Barnett's pass, but was selfish near the line and a try was lost. The ball travelled to the opposite wing to Russell, who sent to Bolt, to P McCue, who scored. Griffiths failed with the kick. Western Suburbs advanced and looked promising, but Russell raced out, sent to Bolt, back to Russell, to Turner, who planted under the bars. Russell converted. Newtown were not finished yet, Haddock falling across from a scramble. Russell failed to add the extras. The final scores were – Newtown, 27 points; Western Suburbs, 2 points. **(The Sun 31st May 1913)**

Notes: This was a disappointing effort by Wests after their promising start to the season and their match against North Sydney but Newtown was a very good side. The West on the wing was not Vivian West but Leslie Henry West.