



# 1932 Round 7 Saturday 25th June Sydney Sports Ground



## Western Suburbs 38

def.

## Newtown 5

Frank McMILLAN  
 Alan RIDLEY  
 Cliff PEARCE  
 Ray MORRIS  
 Alan BRADY  
 Jack McGLINN  
 Les MEAD  
 Frank SPONBERG  
 Charlie CORNWELL  
 Frank SPILLANE  
 Bill BROGAN (c)  
 Bob LINDFIELD  
 Cecil RHODES

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

Aif SPRING  
 Fred HOCKEY  
 Keith ELLIS (c)  
 Joe GARTNER  
 Ernest RANIER  
 Frank GILMORE  
 Reg MCENCROE  
 Jack THORNTON  
 D WATERS  
 Jim McMENAMIN  
 Jack DAVIES  
 Arthur FOLWELL  
 George McCARTHY

### Tries

Cliff PEARCE (2)  
 Alan RIDLEY (2)  
 Charlie CORNWELL  
 Alan BRADY  
 Les MEAD  
 Cecil RHODES

Joe GARTNER

### Goals

Les MEAD (3)  
 Charlie CORNWELL (2)  
 Bill BROGAN (1)  
 Alan RIDLEY (1)

Fred HOCKEY (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: F McMillan; three-quarters: A Ridley, C Pearce, R Morris, A Brady; halves: L Mead, J McGlinn; forwards: F Sponberg, F Spillane, C Cornwell, R Lindfield, W Brogan (capt)

**Newtown:** Full-back: A Spring; three-quarters: E Ranley, K Ellis (capt), J Gartner, F Hockey; halves: F Gilmore, R McEncroe; forwards: J Thornton, D Waters, J McMenamin, J Davies, A Folwell, G McCarthy **Referee: A Christie (Rugby League News 23rd July 1932)**

Western Suburbs overwhelmed Newtown in a dull exhibition. The early play was witnessed by an attendance of 5327 persons but an exodus began early in the second half and there were considerably fewer than 1000 present when the final bell rang. Newtown showed glimpses of form in the first half. Brogan won the toss and elected to play with the wind from the western end and it was a lucky intercept by Mead that opened the scoring after 25 minutes of play. Determined runs by Pearce and Cornwell resulted in two more tries for Western Suburbs before half time and Newtown was decidedly unlucky not to score. ... It looked as if Newtown had a chance of retrieving the position after the spell as although Western Suburbs had a lead of 15 points to nil the Blues now possessed the advantage of a strong breeze while their opponents were further handicapped by a sinking sun's rays shining in the eyes of the hack division. The losers however lost all semblance of combination in the second period of play, and Western Suburbs through the forceful straight running of Pearce and Morris broke through the defence at will and soon had Newtown disorganised. The winners form was good at times but except for the initiative and determination of Pearce and Mead the exhibition was not very impressive. McGlinn at five eighth was orthodox to a degree and Morris figuring at centre in place of Sherwood, who had an injured ankle, repeatedly jolted the attack and mulled passes and but for the poor defence of the opposing three quarters his display would not have warranted a further game in the centre position. McMillan played excellently. .... Brogan played his usual clever game and Cornwell and Rhodes were always with the play. A feature was the failure of the kickers for goal. The winners certainly kicked seven but these were conversions of tries scored behind the posts. The efforts to register points from penalties were atrocious. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 27th June 1932)**

Then Brogan was making a dash when Thornton grabbed him and tore his knockers clean off. He was given a new pair, which were too big, and just as he was handed another pair the ball came to him, and he dropped them to join in the play..... There was much amusement as Brogan, with a black-covered face, took a long run and kicked the goal, making Western Suburbs 38 to nil.... **(The Sun 25th June 1932)**

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**Notes:** McMillan, Pearce and Rhodes were all back from leg injuries but Ken Sherwood was still out. Mead, at half-back, was outstanding and the backs scored some dazzling tries when he set them alight. Pearce benefited greatly from his service and scored a great try after a sneaky dummy. Big Bill Brogan had an amusing day according to The Sun extract above, losing his pants and later taking a shot at goal with his face covered in black mud.