



1909 Round 7 Saturday 26th June Newcastle Showground



Newcastle 34

J SMITH
 William BAILEY
 Jim WALSH
 Ted McGUINNESS
 Artie COLEMAN
 Ernie PATFIELD
 George COX
 W MURRAY
 Joe SHAKESPEARE
 E McNEIL
 Stan CARPENTER (C)
 Les CARPENTER
 Charlie CROFT

def.

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

Western Suburbs 0

C CLIFFORD (Newcastle player)
 Ernest HOLLOWAY
 Claude McFAYDEN
 William WENBAN
 James SPEIRS
 Raymond GORMLEY
 Harry FLETCHER
 Ted MEAD (C)
 Richard CASEY
 Robert ELLIS
 William ELLIOTT
 Horace HERINGTON
 William SCOTT (Newcastle player)

Tries

William BAILEY (3)
 Artie COLEMAN (2)
 Jim WALSH (2)
 Charlie CROFT

Goals

Stan CARPENTER (4)
 William BAILEY (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: C Clifford, full-back; E Holloway, C McFadden, J Spears and W Wenban, three-quarters; E Fletcher and R Gormley, half-backs; W Herrington, W Scott, W Elliott, E Meade, R Ellis, P Casey, forwards.

Newcastle: J Smith, full-back; W Bailey, J Walsh, E McGuinness and A Coleman, three-quarters; E Patfield and G Cox, half-backs; C Croft, E Carpenter, S Carpenter, A McNeill, J Shakespeare, W Murray, forwards. **Mr Bill Finegan (Sydney) was referee.**

Newcastle vanquished Western Suburbs on the Showground. The weather was showery, and the ground was in a very sloppy condition. But in the circumstances it was a splendid display, though there was only a moderate attendance.

The game was always interesting, though Newcastle won by 34 points to nil. The home team excelled the visitors in all departments of the game, handling the greasy ball in masterly fashion. Tries were obtained by Bailey (3), Coleman and Wash (2 each) and Croft; S Carpenter (4) and Bailey kicking goals. In addition, Patfield, Cox, McNeil and Murray played well. Clifford, McFadden, and Gormley, among the backs, and Mead, Ellis, Elliott and Scott, in the forwards, played best for Western Suburbs. **(Sunday Times 27th June 1909)**

Western Suburbs, Sydney, senior team, will meet Newcastle on the Newcastle Showground today in the first round of the competition of the NSW Rugby League. The visitors are a good all-round combination, and in anticipation of a hard game are fetching their strongest possible team. The list is:- Back: T Phelan; three-quarters: Gormly, Medcalf, McFadgen, Spears; halves: Fletcher, Wallis; forwards: Ellis, Courtney, Shaw, Luhr, Meade (captain), and Herrington. Referee, Mr R T Finigan of Sydney

R Brien and W Scott, of the Newcastle team, which defeated Glebe on Saturday, are spelling today, the former suffering from influenza, and the latter nursing a sore shoulder... **(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate 26th June 1909)**

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Notes: There were very few reports on this match due to it being played in Newcastle, one report coming in by wire. The Sunday Times and the Newcastle Herald and Miners' Advocate were the only reported team lists. They both differed significantly from the team which went on the field as reported in the Monday's Advocate. W Scott was listed in the forwards (not Scotten as listed elsewhere.) and he is also noted as playing well. W. Scott (actually William was listed in eight matches for Newcastle during the season and note the Saturday comment on him. It appears that Wests were short a number of players (not unusual in the first two seasons) and used Scott as a substitute. So, William Scott goes into the records as a Newcastle player. It's also highly likely C Clifford is another ring-in, even possibly a local Rugby Union player. He doesn't appear in any Second-Grade or Trial matches in 1908-10. Phelan had been injured in the previous match so they needed a full-back. Clifford doesn't appear in any other records and so is recorded as a Newcastle player in the Western Suburbs team. This view is reinforced in the following match against North Sydney where the game was delayed for 23 minutes as Wests struggled to find a team to run onto the field.