



# 1951 Round 7 Wednesday 9th May Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 9

def.

## Newtown 8

Eric WORNE  
 Bob DIMOND  
 Dev DINES  
 Jack WOODS  
 Pat LEAL  
 Frank STANMORE  
 Keith HOLMAN (c)  
 Keith CULLEN  
 Arthur COLLINSON  
 Kevin HANSEN  
 Bill HORDER  
 Alan HORNER  
 Don STAIT

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

Gordon CLIFFORD  
 Horrie KESSEY  
 Jack HAMILTON  
 Bill LONGHURST  
 Stan LARKINGS  
 Col GEELAN  
 James WHITTON  
 Lionel WHEATLEY  
 Jack WHITE  
 Tom PITMAN  
 Gavin STEVENSON  
 Frank JOHNSON  
 Frank FARRELL (c)

**Tries** Pat LEAL

Col GEELAN  
Stan LARKINGS

**Goals** Dev DINES (3)

Gordon CLIFFORD (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: E Worne; three-quarters: P Leal, J Woods, D Dines, R Dimond; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: K Holman (c); forwards: K Cullen, A Collinson, K Hansen, W Horder, A Hornery, D Stait

**Newtown:** Full-back: G Clifford; three-quarters: J Hamilton, S Larkings, W Longhurst, H Kessey; five-eighth: C Geelan; half: R Whitton; forwards: L Wheatley, T Pitman, J White, F Farrell (c), F Johnson, G Stevenson **Referee: D Lawler (Rugby League News June 16th 1951)**

About 5500 were present when play started. Holman set the game going, Newtown running with the breeze. Longhurst was called out and cautioned by referee Lawler. Newtown were again penalised and Dines kicked the goal. Western Suburbs 2-nil. Worne had Wests in trouble when he dashed into touch in front of his own goal. From loose work Geelan picked up and slipped across in the corner. Clifford missed. Newtown 3-2. Wests were penalised and Clifford goaled from 40 yards Newtown 5-2. Leal and Hamilton were called out and cautioned. Farrell had a "long talk" with Referee Lawler after Newtown had been penalised for a scrum breach. From loose work in mid-field, Leal broke away and sent to Hansen, to Leal, who scored wide out for Dines to goal. Western Suburbs 7-5. Half-time Scores: Western Suburbs 7, Newtown 5.

In the first half Johnson won 14 scrums to Hornery's seven. Wests were given 12 penalties to six. Dines had a long shot at goal when play was resumed but the ball flew wide. Wests were given a penalty and again Farrell had a talk with the referee. Play swung across-field, where Larkings went over under a mass of Wests forwards. Wheatley missed. Newtown 8-7. Leal was hurt and had to receive ambulance attention and when Clifford was hustled by Stanmore, play went back into Newtown's 25, where from a penalty Dines goaled. Wests 9-8. Pitman was then ordered off the field after he appeared to accidentally kick Cullen. **(The Sun 9th May 1951)**

The crowd at Pratten Park demonstrated against Newtown forward Tom Pitman as he was sent off the field in the match against Western Suburbs yesterday. Referee Darcy Lawler ordered Pitman off for allegedly kicking West's lock forward, Keith Cullen. The incident occurred in the closing stages of the game, which West won 9-8. Pitman had to walk almost the length of the field to the dressing room entrance. The League judiciary committee last night cautioned Pitman. Kangaroo hooker Frank Johnston won the scrums for Newtown 25-14, but this was nullified by the big number of penalties-25-12-against the side. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 10th May 1951)**

**3: C. GEELAN (N.),** five-eighth: Neat display; consistently put backs into attacking moves; worked both sides of scrum to advantage; cover defence good.

**2: G. CLIFFORD (N.),** full-back: Catching and kicking excellent; made best of chances with brilliant runs; tackling good.

**1: K. HOLMAN (W.),** half-back: Individual efforts good; played behind losing pack with not much chance in attack; tackling excellent. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 10th May 1951)**

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**Notes:** Eric Worne came in for his injured brother, Don, and played solidly. This was a rough game, where "Bumper" Farrell was predictably right in the thick of it, running aggressively and frequently questioning refereeing decisions. The Newtown forwards eventually got on top but the Holman/Stammore combination were able to get Wests out of a tight spot. Bob Dimond, who was carrying injuries, went out on the wing, allowing Jack Woods to come back into centre. Keith Holman also took over the captaincy for the first time. Pat Leal was injured, but not severely enough to leave the field. Late in the match Newtown forward, Tom Pitman, was sent off for allegedly kicking the Wests' lock, Keith Cullen. Played on a Wednesday, match reports were scanty.