



# 1958 Round 9 Monday 16th June Cricket Ground



## Newtown 20

Gordon CLIFFORD  
 Laurie McMAHON  
 Terry McGOVERN  
 Tony BROWN  
 Kevin CONSIDINE  
 John RAPER  
 Bob WHITTON (c)  
 Peter RYAN  
 Barry HARRIS  
 Frank NARVO  
 Frank FARRINGTON  
 Greg ELLIS  
 Jim RICHARDS

def.

## Western Suburbs 10

Darcy RUSSELL  
 Jack THOMPSON  
 Harry WELLS (c)  
 Don MALONE  
 Barry OWEN  
 Darcy HENRY  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Doug JONES  
 Kel O'SHEA  
 Jack BOWMAN  
 Mark PATCH  
 Bede GOFF  
 Nev CHARLTON



**Tries** Kevin CONSIDINE (2)  
 Jim RICHARDS  
 Bob WHITTON

Doug JONES  
 John THOMPSON

**Goals** Gordon CLIFFORD (4)

Darcy RUSSELL (2)

### Match Description

**Newtown:** Full-back: G Clifford; three-quarters: T McGovern, L McMahon, T Brown, K Considine; five-eighth: J Raper; half: B Whitton; forwards: P Ryan, B Harry, F Narvo, F Farrington, G Ellis, J Richards

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: J Thompson, H Wells, D Malone, B Owen; five-eighth: D Henry; half: K Holman; forwards: D Jones, K O'Shea, J Bowman, N Charlton, B Goff, M Patch **Referee: D Lawler (The Sun 16th June 1958)**

Newtown yesterday defeated Western Suburbs with surprising ease at Sydney Cricket Ground in a commendable show of wet weather Rugby League. Newtown won 20-10. Newtown scored four tries to two on a slushy field with a mud-soaked ball which made handling risky from the start. Officials who failed to provide dry footballs for this match contributed largely to the lack of crowd-pleasing movements. Newtown's Frank Narvo, John Raper, Peter Ryan and Bob Whitton were far too crafty for Wests in these conditions. Wests' chances disappeared when its Test stars Harry Wells, Keith Holman and Kel O'Shea failed to show dash in the heavy going. Wells said: "I couldn't get to sleep on Saturday or Sunday nights after the excitement of the Test. There was no zip in my legs. Newtown was too good in every department." There were frequent stoppages while injured players received treatment. The match ended in near darkness. Even some of the players were puzzled after the match over who scored the last try. Through intensive research in the dressing room it was discovered that Wests' lock Jones had scored the try. Clifford failed to make a tackle a player of his standing should have when he let in winger Thompson for Wests' first try. Sustained Newtown pressure brought a try for Richards, who barged over from a few yards out. Russell scraped a penalty goal in off the uprights to bring the half-time score to 5-all. Six minutes after the interval, Newtown lock Ryan completely fooled West when he dummied to Whitton and ran through on the blind side of a scrum. This deservedly gave Newtown the lead when Considine took Ryan's pass and scored wide out. Clifford kicked a first-class goal with the heavy ball. McGovern set up another Newtown try after Test five-eighth Tony Brown had burst away, sending in Considine with a well-timed late pass. Darcy Henry eluded several Newtown defenders on the Wests' line before a tackle bumped the ball from his arms. Whitton only had to touch down to score a fluke try which sealed the match for Newtown. **(Daily Telegraph 17th June 1958)**

Newtown overwhelmed Western Suburbs, 20-10, in a one-sided, and often scrappy, Rugby league match at SCG yesterday. Western Suburbs, with its strong line-up of representative players was expected to be too strong. Wests, in particular, failed to handle the greasy ball. ... The fact that the balls used in the first grade match had been used in reserve and third grade fixtures did not help players in the main match. The 11,161 spectators had to watch the spectacle of repeated knock-ons and players diving around in the muddy centre-field trying to grasp the sodden ball. ... Wests' three internationals, half Keith Holman, second-row forward Kel O'Shea and centre Harry Wells were suffering from a let-down after the pounding they received in Saturday's Test. .... The match produced a big crop of injuries. Play was stopped five times for players to receive attention..... **(Sydney Morning Herald 17th June 1958)**

Wests lock Doug Jones scored the final try at the Cricket Ground last Monday but it was so dark and Doug and his team-mates were so thickly coated with mud that it was almost impossible to discern the actual scorer. **(Rugby League News 21-22nd June 1958)**

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**Notes:** This match was played on a bog at the SCG using muddied balls that had been used in both of the lower grade matches. Obviously, this made the handling difficult and it was a low quality match. Holman, Wells and O'Shea didn't back up very well after they all took a battering in the Australia/ Great Britain Test on the Saturday. It was a tough match with frequent stoppages for injuries.