



# 1909 Round 9 Saturday 17th July RAS Showground



## Newcastle 28

J SMITH  
R BISHOP  
Nick BRIEN  
Ted McGUINNESS  
Artie COLEMAN  
Ernie PATFIELD  
George COX  
W MURRAY  
William SCOTT  
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**  
**Reserve**

## Western Suburbs 5

Tom PHELAN (c)  
Ernest HOLLOWAY  
Claude McFAYDEN  
Bill MEDCALF  
Raymond GORMLEY  
Percy FRANKS  
Harry FLETCHER  
Ted MEAD  
Richard CASEY  
Robert ELLIS  
Edward COURTNEY  
Horace HERINGTON  
William ELLIOTT  
Edward GILLIVER



### Tries

R BISHOP (2)  
Artie COLEMAN (2)  
Stan CARPENTER  
W MURRAY

Edward COURTNEY

### Goals

Stan CARPENTER (4)  
Les CARPENTER (1)

Bill MEDCALF (1)

### Match Description

**Newcastle:** J Smith, full-back; E Bishop, N O'Brien, E McGuinness, A Coleman, three-quarters; G Cox, five-eighth; E Padfield, half-back; S Carpenter (Capt), M Murray, L Carpenter, W Scott, A McNeil, C Croft, forwards.

**Western Suburbs:** T Phelan, full-back; E Holloway, W Medcalfe, C McFadgen, R Gormley, three-quarters; H Fletcher, five-eighth; P Franks, half-back; R Ellis, W Elliott, E Meade, F Casey, F Courtney, J Herrington, forwards. **Referee, Mr Edward Hooper.**

In the early match at the Agricultural Ground, Newcastle defeated Western Suburbs by 28 points to 5. The game was one-sided: in fact, even more one-sided than the points indicate, though in the second half Western Suburbs pulled themselves together, and beside preventing their opponents from increasing their total, scored a good try, the result of heavy forward work.

Newcastle won the toss, and Elliott set the ball in motion against a slight breeze. Near Western Suburbs' 25 Patfield marked. S Carpenter, taking the kick, sent it well over the bar. Newcastle 2 to nil. Brien returned the kick out, and the Newcastle forwards immediately had Western Suburbs in difficulties. A good rush, in which S Carpenter and Patfield were conspicuous, carried play well into Western Suburbs 25. There, from a scrum, the ball was sent out smartly to Coleman on the wing who dodged his way across in the corner. Carpenter converted by a fine kick. Newcastle 7 to nil.

Western Suburbs' forwards now showed a bit of pace and, with a great dash, play was carried to the Red and White 25. After some heavy scrummaging Newcastle were penalised, and Medcalf landed a good goal. Newcastle 7 to 2. The score was very soon altered, for Newcastle made an inroad into their opponents' territory, and 'Bishop' looked as if he would cross with ease, but he was well tackled by full-back, Phelan. However, from a scrum that followed, Cox scrambled across in the corner. S Carpenter failing to add the extras, Newcastle 10 to 2.

From the drop-out at half-way the Newcastle backs started a rush, but faulty passing nipped the movement in the bud. However, the forwards dribbled into their opponents' 25, where, from the loose, 'Bishop' broke right out and scored a very easy try. S Carpenter converted, Newcastle 15 to 2. The game was now altogether one-sided, any aggressiveness on the part of Western Suburbs being met with shouts of derision from the crowd. Within two minutes Coleman got across again, S Carpenter converting, Newcastle 20 to 2. This was immediately followed by a try from Murray, L Carpenter failing to convert, Newcastle 23 to 2. .... after a good passing bout between McGuinness, Brien and 'Bishop' the latter waltzed across again unopposed. L Carpenter converted 28 to 2 Half-time.

Western Suburbs pulled themselves together surprisingly, and opened the second spell with a good spurt. For fully five minutes they kept Newcastle busy defending, much to the delight of the crowd. Their efforts were eventually rewarded, for after repeated sharp attacks they managed to get across, Courtney being the scorer. Metcalfe failed at a fairly easy kick. Newcastle 28 to 5. .... The full-time whistle then sounded, leaving Newcastle winners of an uninteresting game by 28 points to 5. It may be said in Western Suburbs' favour that they prevented Newcastle from scoring in the second half (**Sunday Times 18th July 1909**)

**Notes:** Wests were down 28-2 at half-time so the second half was a good defensive effort. Stan Carpenter's first goal was from a mark. Note that William Scott was playing for Newcastle in the forwards. Two matches previously he had played for Wests when they were short a player. 'Tedda' Courtney was returning from Representative duties. There is no evidence that Edward Gilliver actually took the field but he is included in the statistics as playing in First Grade because of inclusion in a team list.