



# 1948 Round 9 Saturday 19th June Cricket Ground



## Newtown 20

Oriel KENNERSON  
 Robert LULHAM  
 Roy DYKES  
 Mick MULLANE  
 Norm JACOBSON  
 Arthur HARRISON  
 Clem KENNEDY  
 Noel MULLIGAN  
 Bernie DREW  
 Tom PITTMAN  
 Fred FAYERS  
 J HANNON  
 Frank FARRELL (c)

def.

## Western Suburbs 7

Bill KEATO  
 Jack LACKEY  
 Colin MAXWELL  
 Eric BENNETT  
 Mick THORNTON  
 Frank STANMORE  
 Neville HOGAN  
 Peter McLEAN  
 Don MILTON  
 Kevin HANSEN  
 Jim SEERY  
 William BROWN  
 Jack WALSH (c)



### Tries

Norm JACOBSON (2)  
 Arthur HARRISON  
 Robert LULHAM

Frank STANMORE

### Goals

Oriel KENNERSON (4)

Bill KEATO (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: J Lackey, C Maxwell, E Bennett, M Thornton; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: N Hogan; forwards: P McLean, K Hansen, D Milton, J Seery, W Brown, J Walsh (c)

**Newtown:** Full-back: O Kennerson; three-quarters: N Jacobson, M Mullane, R Dykes, H Lulham; five-eighth: A Harrison; half: C Kennedy; forwards: N Mulligan, B Drew, T Pitman, F Farrell (c), J Hannon, F Fayers **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 10th July 1948)**

Sydney Cricket Ground spectators yesterday hooted referee George Bishop' when he disallowed a try by Newtown winger Norman Jacobson against Wests. Newtown won 20-7, after leading 15-2 at half-time. The demonstration against Bishop occurred early in the first half when Newtown was trailing 0-2. Jacobson claimed he followed a kick by Kennedy over the line and the ball hit his knee before he touched down. Referee Bishop said the ball had previously been knocked on by Wests' full-back Keato. Referee Bishop said a knock-on by Jacobson was very obvious. Bishop had previously disallowed a try by Newtown forward Tom Pitman. Punches were thrown in the final stages of the match and one Newtown forward, indistinguishable under a coating of mud, received ambulance attendance for a kick in the ribs. Newtown in the first half scored three fine tries which Kennerson converted. Newtown played determined football in the second half and kept the ball in the forwards. Jacobson 's second try was one of the best of the year., He received a head-high pass from Mulligan and four Wests' backs converged on him. Jacobson pushed off Hogan and Thornton, side-stepped Keato, and beat Stanmore in a sprint to the line. Jacobson pulled a leg muscle near the end of the game and Lulham suffered a shoulder injury. Feature of the game was Noel Mulligan's magnificent cover-defence. A crowd of 22,795 saw the match. **(The Daily Telegraph 20th June 1948)**

State and Australian team reject, Noel Mulligan yesterday gave one of the best tackling exhibitions seen on the Cricket Ground for years. He helped Newtown to a 20-7 win over competition leaders Western Suburbs. Mulligan gave an outstanding display of lock-forward play. He smashed Western Suburbs' attacks, prevented the backs from moving far, and stopped forwards like Walsh and Milton, who were barging others out of their path. In the final Newtown try, Mulligan went down the centre, through the mud, after Farrell dashed from inside the Newtown 25. On Wests' 25, Mulligan sent to Norm Jacobson, who went between the posts. In the first half, when Newtown established a winning lead of 15-2, Jacobson figured in a brilliant blind-side try with Kennedy. Kennedy worked the blindside and beat the defence badly. No defender laid a hand on either him or Jacobson. Jacobson, who pulled a leg muscle and limped badly as he left the field, took his total to 18 tries for the first half of the competition, which is probably a record. He considered he should have been awarded a third try when referee George Bishop ruled a knock-on over the line. Jacobson claimed he had struck the ball with his knees before gathering, but said that, as he was directly ahead of Bishop, the referee could not see the incident. Newtown made greater use of its chances, and, apart from Stanmore, who played really well, and at times Bennett, none of the Western Suburbs backs stood out. **(The Sun 20th June 1948)**

**Notes:** Wests were brought down to earth with this loss. In a match played in a mud-heap, Newtown outplayed Wests, even though Jack Walsh and Frank Stanmore did their best to get them into the match. It was a very spiteful match, which erupted into fist fights late in the game.