



1919 Round 10 Saturday 2nd August RAS Showground



Newtown 10

def.

Western Suburbs 5

Ed RIGNEY
G HARRIS
George BAIN
Henry BROWN
Paul BOYS
William GILLESPIE
Albert JOHNSTON (c)
George CLAMBACK
Richard TOWNSEND
J MAIN
Edward BROOKS
William PALMER
Felix RYAN

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

Athol WHITE
Dick VEST
Paddy BURNS
Herb GILBERT (c)
Wally COLLINS
Alex McPHERSON
Roy FARNSWORTH
Clarrie TYE
Joe REIDY
William JOASS
Jack REDMOND
Clarrie PRENTICE
Edward COURTNEY



Tries George CLAMBACK
Richard TOWNSEND (Penalty try)

Clarrie TYE

Goals George BAIN (2)

Alex McPHERSON (1)

Match Description

Newtown: E P Rigney, full-back; P Boys, G Bain, G Harris, H G Brown, three-quarters; W Gillespie, five-eighth; A Johnston, half-back; E E Brooks, J Main, R Townsend, W Palmer, G Clamback and F Ryan, forwards

Western Suburbs: A White, full-back; W Collins, H Gilbert (c), P Burns, R Vest, three-quarters; A McPherson, five-eighth; R Farnsworth, half-back; C Tye, W Joass, C Prentice, J Reidy, E Courtney and J Redmond, forwards **T McMahan, referee**

Wests kicked off from the Paddington end, and after Brown and Johnston had attempted an unsuccessful run, the full-backs exchanged quite a number of kicks. Play was very even for a time. A long kick by Bain looked like sending the ball into touch, but it bounced in-field and Boys and White had a tussle for the ball in-goal. The referee decided it was a touch-down, though many of the spectators voiced their disapproval. McPherson later missed the goal from an easy position. Newtown, headed by Bain, put in a strong dash, and a long kick found White out of position. The ball was tossed about, with Blue jerseys in the majority, and Townsend, in the act of catching the ball, was pounced on by Joass, who was off-side, and Newtown were awarded a penalty try. Boys missed the goal. Newtown, 3 to nil. Wests were then on the defensive, and Clamback hustled over for a try which was converted by Bain. Newtown 8 to nil. ... From a penalty kick Bain again scored and Newtown led by 10 to nil at half-time.

Newtown put in a passing rush on resuming, but Gilbert tackled with great firmness. Wests were unable to advance much beyond the half-way line, principally through faults of their own.Once, after a fumble by Bain, Vest was collared by Boys near the blues' line, and McPherson had hard luck in not scoring.... At length Wests obtained a free in an easy position. Gilbert punted high and Rigney claimed a mark. This was disallowed and the Newtown full-back lost the ball in the scramble which followed. Tye then picked up and scored a try. McPherson added the extras. Newtown 10 to 5. Wests were now playing with great zest, but Newtown were equally determined and made the game even.. Prentice broke through, but was brought down by Rigney, and Gilbert unluckily knocked on from a pass by Vest. There was no further scoring, and Newtown won by 10 points to 5. **(The Sunday Times 3rd August 1919)**

...Deprived of the ball in the scrummages by hooker Palmer, the Western Suburbs' backs were rarely able to get a move on.....With little McGowan not there Western Suburbs brought in R Farnsworth to work the pack. He was slow, and his passes were often grubbers... **(The Referee 6th August 1919)**

Little G McGowan was sadly missed by Western Suburbs against Newtown. R Farnsworth, behind the W.S. pack was far too slow. Why did not the skipper try Burns there, as he did against Balmain?**(Arrow 8th August 1919)**

Notes: This was a big upset and put Wests out of the Premiership race. The loss of George McGowan seemed to have had a big bearing on the result as Roy Farnsworth apparently didn't come up to playing at half. Clarrie Prentice was also being consistently out-raked at hooker, although his form in general was outstanding. The significant deterioration in form was Alex (Barny) McPherson's goal-kicking. He missed three easy shots which would have won the match and did not seem to have recovered from the knee injury he received in the previous season. He never reached the level of goal-kicking which he had previously attained. This looked to have been a tough tackling, no-holds-barred game.