



1972 Round 10 Sunday 21st May Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 18

def.

Newtown 15



Tony FORD
 Don ROGERS
 Olaf PRATTL
 Wayne MERRY
 Allan ASHMORE
 John HEYWARD
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 John BAKER
 John ELFORD
 Barry BRYANT
 Steve WINTER
 Ken STONESTREET
 John WALKER
 Stephen SATTERLY

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

John FLOYD
 Lionel WILLIAMSON (c)
 Ron FOGARTY
 Ken WILSON
 John BRADSTOCK
 Des O'CONNOR
 John BONHAM
 Neil PRINGLE
 Paul DAWSON
 Gary SULLIVAN
 Tony REID
 Bill COVERDALE
 Tom MELVILLE

Tries Don ROGERS (2)
 Wayne MERRY
 Olaf PRATTL

John BRADSTOCK (2)
 Tony REID

Goals Tony FORD (3)

Ken WILSON (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, O Pratl, W Merry, A Ashmore; five-eighth: J Heyward; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: J Baker, B Bryant, J Elford, J Sheridan, K Stonestreet, J Walker

Newtown: Full-back: J Floyd; three-quarters: L Williamson (c), R Fogarty, K Wilson, J Bradstock; five-eighth: D O'Connor; half: J Bonham; forwards: N Pringle, P Dawson, G Sullivan, T Reid, W Coverdale, T Melville **Referee: B Barnes (as per newspaper reports 22nd May 1972)**

"Nebo Road" made a comeback to the big-time at Lidcombe Oval yesterday, after a spell in the Reserves, "Nebo", Wests' hooker Ken Stonestreet, was beaten by two scrums, (14-12) but his effort enabled Wests to gallop in with an 18-15 win over Newtown. Wests have been starved of the ball in recent weeks, but with "Nebo Road" back in harness, the Magpies had plenty yesterday. And for 60 minutes they took advantage of it to race to an 18-12 lead. But in the last 20 minutes, Newtown kicked again to spot three tries. Wests' coach Don Parish blamed Saturday's representative games for his side's lapse. Newtown bombed two tries in the first half and then never looked like winning. Second-rower Paul Dawson was Newton's best player in the first half, but he received several hard knocks and finished with a bruised ankle. Wests' best were Don Rogers, Tom Raudonikis, Barry Bryant and John Elford. **(The Sun 22nd May 1972)**

Western Suburbs remained a threat to the Rugby League top four with an 18-15 win over Newtown at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. The win, the fifth straight for Wests this season, was a lot more comfortable than the score suggested. Playing without solid centre Stephen Knight and City Firsts representative front-rower John O'Bryan, Wests held an 18-2 advantage until the final 10 minutes. With the two competition points apparently secure, Wests relaxed sufficiently to allow Newtown in for three quick tries. Star of the match was full-back Tony Ford. Ford was always dangerous in attack, joining in many backline movements, was rock-like in defence, and landed three goals from four attempts. Half-back Tom Raudonikis, shrugging off a knee injury, figured in all four Wests' tries setting up the opening try by Pratl and sending winger Don Rogers over for his second try. Newtown missed hard-working lock Neil Pringle, replaced for the game by Trevor Newman, and finished with injuries to centre Ron Fogarty, hooker Bill Coverdale and second-rower Paul Dawson. **(Daily Telegraph 22nd May 1972)**

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Notes: The key to this match was the return to First Grade of Ken "Nebo" Stonestreet. Jim Croucher had been playing well but had struggled to win scrums. The extra supply of ball enabled Wests to take control and lead 18-2 after 60 minutes. Stephen Knight and John O'Bryan didn't back up from the Saturday rep games but Tom Raudonikis and John Elford did, and both played great games, although tiring in the last 20 minutes when Newtown staged a comeback. Olaf Pratl took Knight's place in the centres and played well.