



1980 Round 11 Sunday 8th June Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 17

def.

Newtown 12

Wayne SMITH
Wayne BUCKLEY
Ted GOODWIN
Ron GITEAU
Warren BOLAND (c)
Terry LAMB
Alan NEIL
John RIBOT
John McLEOD
Bob COOPER
Tom ARBER
Jack JEFFRIES
Bruce GIBBS
Peter BARR

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

Ken WILSON (c)
Chris DOYLE
Trevor RYAN
Mark O'BRIEN
Brian HETHERINGTON
Graeme O'GRADY
Larry BRIGGENSHAW
Mick PITMAN
Steve BLYTH
Jim WALTERS
Geoff BUGDEN
Barry JENSEN
Bill NOONAN

Tries

Terry LAMB
Ron GITEAU
Warren BOLAND

Goals

Ron GITEAU (4)

Ken WILSON (6)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back: K Wilson; three-quarters: C Doyle, T Ryan, M O'Brien, B Hetherington; five-eighth: G O'Grady; half: L Briggenshaw; forwards: M Pitman, S Blyth, J Walters, G Bugden, B Jensen, W Noonan

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: P Barr, E Goodwin, R Giteau, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: A Neil; forwards: J Ribot, J McLeod, R Cooper, T Arber, J Jeffries, B Gibbs **Referee: J Danzey (The Sun 6th June 1980)**

Newtown's Ken Wilson marched to the top of Rugby League's point scorers yesterday – but his Jets could only mark time in the premiership table. For Roy Masters' Wests it was another amazing win. Not long after the start it looked like a runaway win. Giteau and Lamb were in for tries, Giteau on target with his around-the-corner style: 10-0. Yet with six minutes to go it was 12-all, Wilson six goals. And Wests, with a combination of dropped ball – often on the first or second tackles – seemed to have let it slip. And then came a slight variation on the Wests' winning play we've all seen before. Against Parramatta, it was a try from Wayne Buckley and sideline goal from Giteau that turned the game. Yesterday at Lidcombe it was Warren Boland and Giteau. With a little bit of Ted Goodwin genius to boot. Goodwin burst inside the defence off a reverse pass about the Newtown quarter, then with a deft kick over the top set out with the Jets' winger Doyle on the try-line race. Doyle's kick just beat Goodwin's superhuman dive. But Wests were on the boil ... two players slapped down Goodwin's hand just like the West Indian cricketers when they're firing. From the dropout Wayne Smith began a storming run towards touch and Boland's wing. As the last line of defence got to him, Smith threw an incredible lobbing pass and Boland, at full burst, grabbed and flew for the corner. 15-12. Still the Jets lived ... and then Giteau kicked the goal from the sideline. Just as it had against Parramatta, it plopped over. Newtown were sunk – yet, not long before it took a last-ditch diving tackle by big Bob Cooper to bring down the flying Doyle with the rest of Wests beaten. Roy Masters was a worried man after the game; Cooper has a bad leg. Donnelly missed again. But he carefully pointed out this was three tries to nil win. They face Canterbury next week, a side with an increasing injury problem and a Tooth Cup game against Cronulla midweek. Wests' centre Giteau formed the basis of his team's victory, opening the scoring with a hard-running break through a shallow defence and then following the good work with four well-judged goals. **(The Sun 9th June 1980)**

Competition co-leaders Western Suburbs snatched a desperate victory over Newtown in the final minutes of their match at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. It was a captain's try by Wests' Warren Boland that six minutes from the end broke the 12-all deadlock. Prop Bruce Gibbs worked hard throughout the game and, with his opposite number, Bill Noonan, shared most of the hard play. Too often, however, both sides ran flat, failing to straighten the attack. It was only in the last quarter when Ken Wilson put the pressure on Wests, that the competition leaders realised that they faced defeat..... **(Sydney Morning Herald 9th June 1980)**

Notes: With Ron Giteau playing his best game of the season, Wests dashed to a 10-0 lead and it looked all over but with eight minutes to go it was a tense 12-12. A bit of Ted Goodwin magic allowed Wayne Smith to get clear and flick a miracle pass to Boland who scored a converted try with 6 minutes to go. The real match-winner was Bob Cooper's tackle on a runaway Newtown winger Chris Doyle. Up front, Bruce Gibbs was the powerhouse hard worker.