



1970 Round 13 Sunday 21st June Lidcombe Oval



Newtown 14

Dave BARSLEY (c)
 Dave COTTER
 Doug COLEMAN
 Ron FOGARTY
 Lionel WILLIAMSON
 Barry WOOD
 John BONHAM
 Bob CARNEGIE
 John OAKLEY
 Phil FLACK
 Oscar DANIELSON
 Doug KEMISTER
 Terry BOWLES

def.

Western Suburbs 11

Peter FLANDERS
 Don ROGERS
 Roy FERGUSON (c)
 Tim MURPHY
 John ELFORD
 Tom RAUDONIKIS
 John MAXWELL
 Rod SMITH
 John BAKER
 Barry BRYANT
 John ARMSTRONG
 Ken STONESTREET
 Jim CODY



Tries Dave COTTER
 Lionel WILLIAMSON

Don ROGERS

Goals Dave BARSLEY (4)

Peter FLANDERS (4) One field goal

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back: D Barsley; three-quarters: D Cotter, D Coleman, R Fogarty, L Williamson; five-eighth: B Wood; half: J Bonham; forwards: R Carnegie, J Oakley, P Flack, O Danielson, D Kemister, T Bowles

Western Suburbs: Full-back: P Flanders; three-quarters: D Rogers, R Ferguson (c), T Murphy, J Elford; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: J Maxwell; forwards: R Smith, J Baker, B Bryant, J Armstrong, K Stonestreet, J Cody **Referee: P McCarroll (Rugby League Week 26th June 1970)**

Newtown Rugby league full-back Dave Barsley yesterday had his revenge on his former club, Western Suburbs. Barsley spearheaded Newtown's 14-11 defeat of Wests at Lidcombe Oval. Newtown took the lead at 14-11 for the first time in the match, five minutes from the end, after Barsley had made the initial break. Barsley earlier had kept Newtown's hopes alive with four splendid goals when called up on as a second-stringer after regular kicker, John Bonham, had failed with three attempts. Late in the match Barsley was tackled mid-field but was unmarked. He played the ball forward, retrieved it, and made a brilliant 50-yard dash before being grasped on the fourth tackle. From the ensuing scrum, Newtown won the ball and half-back John Bonham flicked it to lock Bob Carnegie. With Bonham running to the open side, Carnegie slipped around the blind, caught the defence on the wrong foot and passed it to Dave Cotter. With a determined short burst, Cotter crossed wide out for Newtown to take the lead for the first time. Barsley, having his fifth kick at goal, failed but Newtown then held the slender lead to win the match. It was a hard, dour struggle in which cautions were issued freely. ...Wests' full-back, Peter Flanders, kicked well while prop John Armstrong had a good game. **(Daily Telegraph 22nd June 1970)**

The scenes in the dressing-room were vastly different. The Newtown players were all dressed, had finished their beer, while the vanquished Wests' players were still in football gear and sitting with lowered heads. The old saying again had come true: "The winners can smile and the losers can please themselves." Although Newtown never hit the front until five minutes before the end, they deserved to win. They were sharper in attack, more purposeful, and had the edge in speed. This meant the difference between winning and losing the ball game. And it was Dave Barsley's "on" day. Barsley seems to reserve his best displays against his old club, Wests. Barsley was called upon to take the shots at goal when the usually reliable half-back John Bonham was astray with three kicks. Barsley started to kick them from all parts of the ground..... Opposing full-back Peter Flanders had kicked three goals and potted a field goal. Three tries were scored – all by wingers..... Wests lacked penetration, although it was obvious that their talented five-eighth Tom Raudonikis was nursing an ankle injury. Raudonikis did little in attack – he got the ball away quickly – but his tackling was superb..... Newtown has a winner in New Zealander Oscar Danielson, whose granite body one day is going to maim an opposing player. **(Rugby League Week 26th June 1970)**

Notes: Newtown won this game in the last five minutes, with stop-gap kicker, Dave Barsley kicking 4 out of 4. Ken Stonestreet, disturbingly, was beaten again in the scrums. Peter Flanders settled in very well as full-back. Roy Ferguson had a very strong game but it was still a poor loss, since Newtown were without four key players, including Alan Maddalena and Brian Moore.