



1969 Round 14 Sunday 29th June Lidcombe Oval



Newtown 15

Dave BARSLEY
 David COTTER
 Brian MOORE
 Alan MADDALENA
 Lionel WILLIAMSON
 Bob KEYES
 Peter FOREMAN
 Bob CARNEGIE (c)
 John OAKLEY
 Larry RALEIGH
 Paul CUNEO
 Doug KEMISTER
 Charlie RENILSON

def.

Western Suburbs 9

Gary GUNTON
 John FISHER
 Barry GLASGOW
 John FISHER
 Peter FLANDERS
 Geoff HENRY
 John MAXWELL
 John BAKER
 Jim CODY
 Barry BRYANT
 Doug WALKADEN
 Ken STONESTREET
 Noel KELLY (c)



Tries Brian MOORE (2)
 Dave COTTER

John MAXWELL

Goals Dave BARSLEY (3)

Barry GLASGOW (3)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back: D Barsley; three-quarters: D Cotter, B Moore, A Maddalena, L Williamson; five-eighth: R Keyes; half: P Foreman; forwards: R Carnegie (c), J Oakley, L Raleigh, P Cuneo, D Kemister, C Renilson

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Fisher; three-quarters: D Rogers, B Glasgow, G Gunton, P Flanders; five-eighth: G Henry; half: J Maxwell; forwards: J Baker, J Cody, B Bryant, N Kelly (c), K Stonestreet, D Walkaden **Referee: K Page (The Sun 30th June 1969)**

Wests were "gone with the wind" in the first 12 minutes of their League match against Newtown at Lidcombe yesterday. Newtown repeatedly made use of a strong westerly wind blowing across the ground to drive deep into Wests territory and put them in scoring positions. Stop-gap full-back Gary Gunton frequently misjudged the flight of the ball and was forced into errors. Ex-Wests player Dave Barsley rubbed salt into the Magpies' wounds by kicking an easy penalty six minutes after the start and then converted a try by Brian Moore. Then winger Dave Cotter took the defence unawares and ran 50 yards from the dummy-half position to touch down. After that the game seemed to be all Wests but they did everything but score tries. Once when Ken Stonestreet made a big break and passed to Doug Walkaden, the latter gave winger Don Rogers a clear run to the line but referee Keith Page ruled a forward pass. For most of the second half the Magpies attacked and half a dozen times were stopped by desperate defence right on the Newtown line. ... Full marks went to all the Newtown team for rugged defence and low tackling. Wests' handling was very bad at stages and they often lost possession when looking a threat. **(Sun 30th June 1969)**

...Newtown's win practically killed Wests' hopes of making the final four. Newtown backs Brian Moore and Dave Cotter scored the tries. Cotter's try came 17 minutes after the start. He was tackled on the half-way line, but was unmarked. He played the ball forward, picked up and dashed down the centre of the field and swerved inside full-back Gary Gunton to score near the posts. Dave Barsley failed at goal but Newtown had raced to a 10-0 lead. Earlier Moore had scored a try and Barsley had kicked two goals. Moore's great try came 21 minutes into the second half. Newtown led 12-4 after being in front 10-2 at half-time, but Wests were making raid after raid on the Newtown line. Newtown won the ball from a scrum and half Peter Foreman ran wide. He cut out five-eighth Bob Keyes and threw a perfect pass to Moore. Moore, on the burst at the time, cut through Wests' centres and set out on a thrilling 90-yard dash. Wests' defence had almost collared Moore about 50 yards from the try line. But Moore accelerated and left the defenders in his wake as he skirted the touchline in a great burst of speed. ... Wests had a glut of possession winning the scrums 18-9 and receiving 16 penalties to Newtown's 7. **(Daily Telegraph 30th June 1969)**

Two spectacular individual tries highlighted Newtown's win over Western Suburbs at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. But Newtown's devastating tackling, most of it hard and low, was the most striking feature of the win. The first of the brilliant solo tries, by winger David Cotter, came in the 17th minute from a play-the-ball just inside Wests' half. Cotter tap-kicked the ball forward, regained it and easily beat deputy full-back Gary Gunton, who had a worrying first half against the wind, to cross for a try which gave Newtown a 10-0 lead. Wests continued to dominate possession but Newtown maintained their match-winning tackling and still led 12-4 mid-way through the second half. Then Newtown won a scrum near their goal line – a rare happening – and the ball was quickly handed out to centre Brian Moore who burst between two defenders and in a thrilling 90-yard dash out-paced the defence to score his second try. Noel Kelly beat Newtown hooker Doug Kemister 18-9 in the scrums, while penalties also favoured Wests 16-7 so the former had a surfeit of the ball. **(Sydney Morning Herald 30th June 1969)**

Notes: Wests were simply out-tackled in this game. They dropped a lot of ball due to the hard tackling and also had to contend with a brilliant solo try by Newtown winger Dave Cotter. Gary Gunton had an unhappy debut as a stop-gap full-back, often failing to contend with high bombs. The Herald report had Noel Kelly winning the scrums but there is no reason to believe Ken Stonestreet wasn't hooking.