



## 1978 Round 15 Sunday 2nd July Lidcombe Oval



### Western Suburbs 28

def.

### Newtown 9

John DORAHY (c)  
 Steve BROUGHTON  
 Ron GITEAU  
 Wayne SMITH  
 Buddy CAIN  
 Peter ROWLES  
 Don MOSELEY  
 Graeme O'GRADY  
 Les BOYD  
 Steve BLYTH  
 John DONNELLY  
 Shane DAY  
 Peter YOUNG  
 Bruce GIBBS  
 Peter WALSH

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

Phil SIGSWORTH  
 Mark WRIGHT  
 Chris DOYLE  
 Brian HETHERINGTON  
 Mick KERMODE  
 Alan PARKER  
 Barry WOOD  
 Paul HAYWARD  
 Ron PILON  
 Steve NICHOLSON  
 Ron FOGARTY  
 Barry JENSEN  
 Col CASEY (c)  
 Col MURPHY  
 John FLOYD



**Tries** Buddy CAIN (2)  
 Ron GITEAU  
 Don MOSELEY  
 Les BOYD  
 Steve BLYTH

Mick KERMODE

**Goals** Peter ROWLES (4)  
 John DORAHY (1)

Mick KERMODE (3)

#### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Dorahy (c); three-quarters: S Broughton, R Giteau, W Smith, E Cain; five-eighth: P Rowles; half: D Moseley; forwards: G O'Grady, L Boyd, S Blyth, P Young, S Day, J Donnelly

**Newtown:** Full-back: P Sigsworth; three-quarters: M Wright, C Doyle, B Hetherington, M Kermode; five-eighth: A Parker; half: B Wood; forwards: P Hayward, S Nicholson, R Pilon, R Fogarty, B Jensen, C Casey (c)     **Referee: K Roberts (The Sun 3rd July 1978)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team flexed their muscles for 40 minutes at Lidcombe Oval yesterday and cruised away to a 28-9 win over last-placed Newtown. The win gave Wests 23 competition points – three more than their nearest rivals, Manly-Warringah and Cronulla-Sutherland on 20. Newtown held Wests for most of the first half, leading on two occasions and down only 9-12 at the interval. But in the second half Wests capitalised on their opponents' lack of size, class and speed, with forwards John Donnelly, Les Boyd and Graeme O'Grady making ground whenever they handled. Donnelly laid the foundation for the Magpies' steamrolling second half. The in-form international front-rower had Newtown back-peddalling with bullocking charges and his defence was first class. Donnelly made 23 tackles in the match and only the Newtown attackers could explain the vigour which went into them. Wests scored six tries to one, their first, in the 14th minute, being an outstanding effort. Wests worked their way deep into Newtown's territory where fullback John Dorahy propped as though to kick ahead, then passed to Peter Rowles who made a dash for the line before lobbing the ball to hard-working second-rower Steve Blyth, who scored. Rowles converted and Wests led 5-2. Newtown took the lead nine minutes later with a penalty goal by new winger Mike Kermode – his third from virtually the same spot. The Magpies came to life six minutes before half-time with a Rowles' penalty followed by a great try by speedy winger Buddy Cain, who had drifted from the opposite side of the field. Newtown answered with a try by Kermode, who scored all his side's points. The second half was all Wests, with tries by Boyd, Giteau, Moseley and Cain. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 3rd July 1978)**

Western Suburbs, the "foxes" at the top of the Rugby League premiership table, yesterday shook off the pack with another grinding win at Lidcombe Oval. Wests, in typical methodical fashion, over-ran Newtown in the second half to win 28-9. The win lifted Wests to 23 competition points and a three-point lead over equal second-placed Manly and Cronulla. Only Cronulla – four-point leaders after seven straight first round wins – have led the table by a clearer margin. For Wests, the three-point lead could not have come at a better stage. Over the next five weeks Wests will face a torrid test of their minor premiership aspirations. .... But coach Roy Masters is confident his side will not wilt under the mounting pressure. "I've always known what this side could do, and now it's time for everyone else to start taking them seriously," Masters said..... **(Daily Telegraph 3rd July 1978)**

**Notes:** Played in slippery conditions, Wests were only in front 12-9 at half-time but ran away in the second half with the forwards, led by O'Grady, Donnelly and Boyd, completely over-powering the Newtown pack. Moseley was again outstanding in the place of Tom Raudonikis and Peter Rowles continued his great form. In Reserve Grade, John Purcell and Bill Cloughessy were both sent off.