



## 1971 Round 16 Sunday 11th July Lidcombe Oval



### Western Suburbs 26

def.

### Newtown 18

Tony FORD  
Don ROGERS  
Tim MURPHY  
Derek BROUWER  
Mick ALCHIN  
Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
Brian WINNEY  
Rod SMITH  
John BAKER  
Barry BRYANT  
Russell JOHNSTONE  
Ken STONESTREET  
Tony ANTUNAC  
Colin WITHERS

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

Alan MADDALENA  
Lionel WILLIAMSON  
Ron FOGARTY  
Brian MOORE (c)  
Dan GOUGH  
Des O'CONNOR  
John BONHAM  
Greg BANDIERA  
Barry BRIGGS  
Garry SULLIVAN  
Dennis GARDINER  
Doug KEMISTER  
Charlie RENILSON

#### Tries

Doug ROGERS (2)  
Rod SMITH (2)  
Russell JOHNSTONE  
Brian WINNEY

Lionel WILLIAMSON (2)  
Ron FOGARTY  
Dennis GARDINER

#### Goals

Tony FORD (4)

John BONHAM (3)

#### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, T Murphy, D Brouwer, M Alchin; five-eighth: T Raudonikis (c); half: B Winney; forwards: R Smith, B Bryant, J Baker, R Johnstone, K Stonestreet, A Antunac

**Newtown:** Full-back: A Maddalena; three-quarters: L Williamson, R Fogarty, B Moore (c), D Gough; five-eighth: D O'Connor; half: J Bonham; forwards: G Bandiera, B Briggs, G Sullivan, D Gardiner, D Kemister, C Renilson **Referee: J Harris (Rugby League Week 17th July 1971)**

Skipper Tom Raudonikis and Russell Johnstone led a thrilling renaissance for Wests to climb off the bottom of the League table at Newtown's expense yesterday. The small crowd at Lidcombe were treated to a 10-try spree, with Wests' second-half effort one of the best back-to-the-wall fightbacks of the season. Down at the break and in all sorts of trouble, Raudonikis and Johnstone strode through Newtown's defence to score four superb tries in 17 minutes and a 26-18 victory. It was grand generalship from the little Kangaroo and for the burly Johnstone, a just reward for untiring efforts. His many breaks caught Newtown on the wrong foot and he found willing partners in Barry Bryant, Rod Smith and John Baker. But the try of the match was Johnstone's kick over Alan Maddalena's head, for the flying Don Rogers to retrieve and cross. Newtown's Kangaroo winger Lionel Williamson showed true class in touching down for two first half tries. Greg Bandiera, Charlie Renilson and Barry Briggs had things all their own way early in the piece, but "rested" later to allow Wests to stage their match-winning burst. Only rugged Dennis Gardiner turned in an 80-minute display for the visitors. **(The Sun 12th July 1971)**

Wests scored their third Rugby league win of the season when they defeated Newtown 26-18 at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Wests scored five tries to nil in the second half after Newtown had led 16-7 at half-time. Wests' coach Ron Watson said his team's second-half performance could have won any match. Watson was elated with the performance of big front-rower Russell Johnstone, whom Wests bought from Penrith this year. The only casualty of the match was Wests' half Brian Winney, who had to leave the field midway through the second half with a slightly sprained ankle. Coach Harry Bath blamed Newtown's defeat on their failure to chase the ball. Newtown had a glut of possession in the first half, winning the ball three to one in the scrums, but were caned by referee Jack Harris with penalties. **(Daily Telegraph 12th July 1971)**

The big and the small – Russell Johnstone and Tom Raudonikis – carved Newtown to pieces in a second-half rally for Western Suburbs to notch their third win of the season. The 26-18 victory didn't have the hollow ring of the North Sydney two-pointer – it was hard-earned, and thoroughly deserved. Down 7-16 at the break, Wests were headed for another dismal defeat, and even their die-hard fans gave up the ghost. Not so Johnstone and Raudonikis – they kept up the good work of the first session and suddenly they had support. Ginger-haired Barry Bryant, Rod Smith and John Baker followed the lead, bursting off the burly prop in numerous sorties up-field. It was rousing stuff and worthy of a bigger audience than the mere 2,340 basking in the Lidcombe sunshine..... That didn't account for Johnstone's ability to skirt wide, straighten the attack with a massive sidestep, and feed eager supports. He was the man of the match, making his initial break early in the game and keeping up the pressure for 80 minutes..... **(Rugby League Week 17th July 1971)**

**Notes:** In a great win, Russell Johnstone and Tom Raudonikis led a comeback from 16-7 down to a convincing win. Wests scored four tries in 17 minutes in the second half and five tries to nil overall. Don Rogers' try was from a beautifully executed Russell Johnstone kick to the corner. This was only Wests' third win for the season.