

## 1975 Round 19 Saturday 2nd August Henson Park

## Newtown 10 def. Western Suburbs 7

John FLOYD **Fullback** John DORAHY John BRADSTOCK Don ROGERS Wing Mark WRIGHT Stephen KNIGHT Centre Steve KOSTA Centre Ken HFY Terry MURPHY Wing Russell MULLINS Paul HAYWARD Five-eighth Tim MURPHY Steve HANSARD Half Tom RAUDONIKIS (c) Barry COX (c) Lock Chris WELLMAN Neville SHOEMARK Second Row Neville SINCLAIR **Garry SULLIVAN** Second Row Geoff FOSTER **Rob SULLIVAN** Front Row John DONNELLY Doug KEMISTER Hooker Shane DAY Doug LUCAS Front Row Pat HUNDY Dave OLIVERI Replacement Jim MURPHY

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Tries Paul HAYWARD (2) Stephen KNIGHT

Goals Paul HAYWARD (2) John DORAHY (2)

## **Match Description**

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: D Rogers, S Knight, K Hey, R Mullins; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: C Wellman, N Sinclair, G Foster, J Donnelly, S Day, P Hundy

Replacement

**Newtown:** Full-back: J Floyd; three-quarters: J Bradstock, M Wright, S Kosta, T Murphy; five-eighth: P Haywood; half: S Hansard; forwards: B Cox (c), N Shoemark, G Sullivan, R Sullivan, D Kemister, D Lucas **Referee: L Bruyeres (Rugby League Week 8th August 1975)** 

The Newtown Jets beat Western Suburbs 10-7 at Henson Park yesterday to crush the Magpies' hopes of a final five berth. Western Suburbs lost centre, Robbie Parker, with an injury before the game and he was replaced by Ken Hey. Newtown were penalised twice and Wests' full-back, John Dorahy, kicked an easy goal from 30m out, in front, to put his side ahead, 2-0, after six minutes. In the same instant, Newtown lost goal-kicking winger, John Bradstock, with an injured arm. He was replaced by Dave Oliveri. Newtown pressured the Magpies' line and Mark Wright and Steve Kosta were pulled down only a fraction short. From the scrum Newtown received a penalty but Paul Haywood failed with an attempt at goal 20 metres out to the side of the posts. After 18 minutes Wests tried a "wedge" planned move which saw big centre, Steve Knight, take play almost to the Newtown quarter. He figured again in a blind side movement just seconds later and took the final pass from winger Don Rogers, to crash over in the corner for the first try of the game. Dorahy failed to convert; Wests led 5-0. Newtown bounced back from the kick-off and Haywood fired a long pass out to second-rower, Garry Sullivan, who was brought down in a high tackle, only 15m out. A minute later, Steve Hansard stab-kicked the ball along the ground behind the Wests' defence and Haywood dived on the loose ball behind the posts. Haywood then converted to level the scores 5-5. Dorahy kicked his second goal from the quarter line in the 26th minute to put Wests ahead 7-5. Knight barged over the Newtown line from dummy half in the final minute of the first session but he was held up and Wests led 7-5 at the break.

Winger Bradstock was taken to hospital when the Jets' doctor was unable to re-set his dislocated left shoulder. Garry Sullivan made his second good break of the match and ran from the Newtown quarter to half-way shortly after the resumption of play. But Mark Wright arrived too late in support to keep a promising movement alive. Replacement winger Oliveri knocked on a high kick by Dorahy close to Newtown's line, but Wright toed the ball into touch. Sullivan lined up out wide as Newtown rallied, drew the defence and passed to roving lock Barry Cox, but he dropped the ball diving over the line. Newtown sustained their attack and, with the Wests' defence stretched, clever five-eighth Paul Haywood darted over between the posts running from dummy half, and his simple conversion put the Jets ahead 10-7, 12 minutes into the new session. (Sunday Mirror 3rd August 1975)

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**Notes:** This was a very poor performance again by Wests, severely denting their semi-final chances after leading 7-5 at half-time, and unable to score in the second half. In a very closely-contested match, they were out-tackled by Newtown in the last 30-minute arm-wrestle. In the end, there were too many Wests' errors much to the frustration of Don Parish.

