1969 Round 3 Sunday 13th April Henson Park

Western Suburbs 25

def.

Newtown 7



Tony FORD Mick ALCHIN Barry GLASGOW Roy FERGUSON Peter FLANDERS Tim MURPHY Bruce BEER John BAKER Jim CODY **Barry BRYANT** Noel KELLY (c) Ken STONESTREET Steve WINTER Frank TAGG John FISHER

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

Dave BARSLEY **David COTTER** Alan MADDALENA **Bob KEYES** Jim COLLINS Joe ANNESLEY Peter FOREMAN Bob CARNEGIE (c) John OAKLEY Con RYAN Joe VASTA **Kevin SPEECHLEY** Peter DAY

Frank TAGG

Tim MURPHY John FISHER **Bruce BEER** Mick ALCHIN

Tony FORD (3) Goals

Barry GLASGOW (1) Field goal Bruce BEER (1) Field goal

Joe ANNESLEY

Dave BARSLEY (2)

Match Description

Tries

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: P Flanders, B Glasgow, R Ferguson, M Alchin; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: B Beer; forwards: J Baker, J Cody, B Bryant, S Winter, K Stonestreet, N Kelly (c)

Newtown: Full-back: G Castles; three-quarters: D Cotter, A Maddalena, R Keyes, J Collins; five-eighth: IJ Annesley; half: P Foreman; forwards: R Carnegie, J Oakley, C Ryan, J Vasta, K Speechley, P Day Referee: P McCarroll (The Sun 11th April 1969)

Western Suburbs will need to employ a bootmaker if they don't want to lose key players in matches this season. The club should never have lost centre Roy Ferguson in the game against Newtown at Henson Park. Ferguson had to dip out in the first half because of a badly jarred heel which was caused by a cut-down boot. "I'll have to get another two studs on the heel. This one is useless," Ferguson said as he limped out of Wests' dressing room. "The sprigs are too far forward." It's a sorry day when first-grade clubs don't make doubly sure their players' boots are in 100 per cent shape before a game. As it was Ferguson was having a harrowing time until he damaged his heel. The injury could keep him out of the match of the day against Souths on Saturday. His rival, Alan Maddalena, blotted him out of the game with copy-book low tackling. Maddalena's defence was one of the few consolations Newtown received in a game which never went their way. Nothing goes right for Newtown. If full-back Dave Barsley ex-Wests, had landed two early attempts at goal there's no telling what would have eventuated. But for Newtown it was one long chase with Wests' hooker Ken Stonestreet monopolising the scrums in the first half 15-4. Yet Noel Kelly, one of the cleverest scrummagers in the game, plays on the blind side. Wests had enough ball in the first half to score a dozen tries but the Newtown defence never gave the Maggies an inch. ... (The Sun 14th April 1969)

Western Suburbs, the side regarded as having the most potential in reserve strength, produced another two aces in its 25-7 win over Newtown yesterday. Club officials were loud in their praise for John Fisher and Frank Tagg, both first half replacements in the Henson Park game. Tagg gave a solid wing display after substituting Peter Flanders who retired with torn ligaments 10 minutes after the start. In the 30th minute, Fisher was called in when representative centre Roy Ferguson again broke down with his recurring heel problem. He brought the game alive two minutes into the second half with a great 40-yard centre-field dash. As a sequel to this run, Tagg dived over in the corner for the opening try of the match. It opened the floodgate for Wests which quickly piled on the points. Newtown had acquitted itself well in the first half, trailing by only 0-2. Wests' hooker, Ken Stonestreet, dominated the scrums 15-4 in the first half and finished 18-6 over his rival Kevin Speechley. (Sydney Morning Herald 14th April 1969)

Notes: Wests lost both Peter Flanders and Roy Ferguson in the first half with ankle injuries but their replacements, Frank Tagg and John Fisher both had very strong games, Fisher in particular showing a lot of dash in the centres. Ken Stonestreet dominated the scrums and the surfeit of ball meant that Wests finished strongly, running away with a previously closely contested match.

