



# 1982 Round 3 Sunday 14th March Lidcombe Oval



## Western Suburbs 18

def.

## Newtown 0

Greg COX  
 Steve BROUGHTON  
 Ross CONLON  
 Wayne SMITH  
 Warren BOLAND (c)  
 Terry LAMB  
 Alan NEIL  
 Jim LEIS  
 Paul MERLO  
 George MOROKO  
 John DONNELLY  
 Arthur MOUNTIER  
 Tom ARBER  
 Michael DUKE  
 Bob COOPER

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

Ron SIGSWORTH  
 John FERGUSON  
 Mick RYAN  
 Mal GRAHAM  
 Ray BLACKLOCK  
 Phil SIGSWORTH  
 Ken WILSON (c)  
 Col MURPHY  
 Mick PITMAN  
 Steve BLYTH  
 John CROW  
 Wayne NEWLING  
 Peter KELLY  
 Chris DOYLE  
 Craig ELLIS



**Tries** Warren BOLAND  
 Wayne SMITH  
 Steve BROUGHTON  
 Jim LEIS

**Goals** Ross CONLON (3)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: G Cox; three-quarters: S Broughton, W Smith, R Conlon, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: A Neil; forwards: J Leis, G Moroko, P Merlo, J Donnelly, A Mountier, T Arber

**Newtown:** Full-back: R Sigsworth; three-quarters: J Ferguson, M Ryan, M Graham, R Blacklock; five-eighth: P Sigsworth; half: K Wilson (c); forwards: C Murphy, M Pitman, S Blyth, J Crow, W Newling, P Kelly **Referee: B Goldsworthy (The Sun 15th March 1982)**

Picnic Point builder, Arthur Mountier, the most travelled footballer in Sydney, yesterday laid the foundations for a permanent home with Western Suburbs. Mountier, 29, was the dominating force behind Wests 18-0 drubbing of last year's grand finalist Newtown. The Wests' hooker took the scrum honours 17-11 from the Jets' Wayne Newling, topped the tackle count with 31, and ran evasively in the open. For Mountier, a player who has previously saddled up with five other clubs, it was a day of reckoning. "I think I might have finally found the club to play out my career with," he said with a grin. "Arthur did a tremendous job," was Wests' first season coach Terry Fearnley's compliment. Mountier's performance, especially to win the scrums Wests really needed, was the high point of a poor standard match. Although played for the most part in heavy rain, the game must have gone close to setting a record tally of errors – but no one wanted to claim it. While Wests fumbled often enough, it was the Jets who really kept the ball rolling – unfortunately along the ground. It is hard to recall Newtown once keeping the ball for six tackles. Newtown's display prompted coach Warren Ryan to tip at least three and possibly four team changes for Friday's game with North Sydney at Henson Park. "I think I might be able to find room for O'Grady, Morris and Bowden, possibly even McMahon, next week," Ryan said. The four players are ready to resume after injuries and suspensions. Judging by the form yesterday of prop John Crow, centre Mal Graham, second-rower Steve Blyth, five-eighth Phil Sigsworth and his brother full-back Ron, Ryan won't have any trouble slotting in the quartet. Wests' best, apart from replacement winger Steve Broughton, brought in when Peter Barr was dropped for missing Saturday's training run, lock Jim Leis, half Alan Neil and full-back Greg Cox. Whether Wests have a future this season after yesterday's win is hard to assess – the opposition just wasn't there. **(Daily Telegraph 15th March 1982)**

.... Wests consolidated their authority midway through the second period when winger Steve Broughton scooped up a loose pass and put Wayne Smith over out wide. In the 72nd minute, Boland spun out of a tackle near halfway, then produced a flick pass for Terry Lamb to latch on to and send Broughton over for another Wests' try. "Newtown never looked like throwing in the towel during the match but we held on to the ball for longer periods," Boland said later. "Short passes were the order of the day in these wet conditions but we ended up scoring three tries out wide through passing rushes." ... **(Sydney Morning Herald 15th March 1982)**

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**Notes:** Played on a heavy ground with continuing showers, the Wests' pack were suited by the conditions and completely outplayed the Newtown six. Arthur Mountier was very dominant, winning the scrums 17-11 and heading the tackle count with 31. Alan Neil had another outstanding game and, surprisingly for the conditions, winger Steve Broughton (brought in after Peter Barr was dropped for being late for training) found a lot of room to move and scored a scintillating try.