



1919 Round 3 Saturday 24th May Sydney Cricket Ground



Western Suburbs 11

def.

Newtown 6

Athol WHITE
 Dick VEST
 Paddy BURNS
 Herb GILBERT (c)
 William MATTHEWS
 Alex McPHERSON
 George McGOWAN
 Clarrie TYE
 Bill LUCAS
 William JOASS
 Westley EASTERBROOK
 Clarrie PRENTICE
 Edward COURTNEY

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

Ed RIGNEY
 William COCKBURN
 Robert COCKBURN
 George BAIN
 Paul BOYS
 William GILLESPIE
 Albert JOHNSTON (c)
 George CLAMBACK
 Edward BROOKS
 Richard TOWNSEND
 E FRANKS
 William PALMER
 Felix RYAN
 A ROGERS

Tries Dick VEST

Goals Alex McPHERSON (4) Paul BOYS (3)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back, Rigney; three-quarters, Paul Boys, Bain, R Cockburn, W Cockburn; halves, Gillespie, Johnston; forwards, Brooks, Palmer, Ryan, Townsend, Franks, Clamback

Western Suburbs: Full-back, White; three-quarters, Matthews, Gilbert, Burns, Vest; halves, McPherson, McGowan; forwards, Tye, Easterbrook, Joass, Courtney, Prentice, Lucas **Referee: A Farrow**

Prentice's kick-off went to R Cockburn, who was tackled. From the resulting ruck McGowan sent out to McPherson, who cut through and passed out towards the wing, but the ball went to the ground. Western Suburbs were penalised, but the relief was only temporary. Western Suburbs quickly forcing their way through. A penalty gave McPherson a chance, and 2 points went to Western Suburbs. ... A free to Newtown, and Paul Boys made the scores equal with a fine kick.Penalties were fairly frequent, and from one McPherson added his second goal. McPherson gathered from a scrum and found the line near the corner flag. McGowan passed out to McPherson, who went for the line, but Newtown were awarded a penalty. Again, Western Suburbs attacked hotly, but a mark by Johnston pulled them up.....W Cockburn retired, Rogers taking his place. Johnston set the three-quarters moving, play running to Western Suburbs' 25. Newtown kept Wests on the defensive, but the half-time whistle blew, when the scores were: Western Suburbs 4 points, Newtown 4 points.

Bain opened on resuming, and from a scrum McGowan secured and almost the whole back division handled. Vest kicked, and, being interfered with, McPherson secured a penalty and kicked an easy goal. A few minutes later, Western Suburbs were penalised, and P Boys brought the scores level once again. Newtown were playing with better combination. Western Suburbs had to think quickly and tackle solidly to hold them out. Rigney was caught in possession, but Newtown cleared. White marked when Bain kicked, but McPherson's fine attempt at goal went wide. Gilbert intercepted, and sent to Vest, who was tackled and lost the ball over the line. A fine rally by the Newtown backs was pulled up by a forward pass. Again, they came, R Cockburn cutting through finely. A penalty to them directly in front of goal was taken too easily by Boys, and no goal resulted. Gilbert found the line inside Newtown's 25 from a penalty. Western Suburbs pressed but Rigney marked. Fast, open play followed. White slipped in fielding a return, and lost the ball. McGowan picked up smartly and passed to Burns, to Gilbert, who drew the defence and sent to Vest. The latter beat a pursuer and scored. McPherson failed to add the extras. Newtown did not lose heart, but though they went close they could not cross Western Suburbs' line. Before full-time McPherson added a penalty goal, making the final scores: Western Suburbs 11, Newtown 6. **(The Sun 24th May 1919)**

Western Suburbs appear to miss Redmond and Collins a great deal J Redmond is improving from the effects of influenza. He had a very serious attack, and will not be able to play again before the second round starts. W Collins will be seen in action very shortly. **(The Referee 28th May 1919)**

Notes: This was a very solid display in a hard-hitting game. Note the comments on Redmond and Collins. The influenza epidemic was having varying effects on different teams; Wests were being heavily affected. Note Albert Johnston and William Palmer, teammates from the previous year, playing for Newtown; there would have been plenty of banter! This was the first of two appearances for Bill Lucas who was replacing Redmond. R Ritchie was listed as a reserve, another solid Second Grader. Barny McPherson continued as one of the best goal kickers in the competition.