



## 1974 Round 6 Sunday 5th May Lidcombe Oval



### Newtown 26

John FLOYD  
Lionel WILLIAMSON (c)  
Peter GORDON  
Steve KOSTA  
Kevin BRADSTOCK  
Ken WILSON  
Steve HANSARD  
Neil PRINGLE  
Chris DAWSON  
Gary SULLIVAN  
Tom MELVILLE  
Mark ROBERTSON  
Col CASEY  
Ken WILSON

def.

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

### Western Suburbs 13

Tony FORD  
Stephen SATTERLY  
Stephen KNIGHT  
Robbie PARKER  
Russell MULLINS  
Graeme O'GRADY  
Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
Warren SNODGRASS  
John ELFORD  
Geoff FOSTER  
Jim MURPHY  
John PURCELL  
Steve RIGNEY  
John DORAHY  
Mick LIUBINSKAS



**Tries** Kevin BRADSTOCK (3)  
Neil PRINGLE (2)  
Chris DAWSON

Geoff FOSTER

**Goals** Ken WILSON (4)

Tony FORD (5)

#### Match Description

**Newtown:** Full-back: John Floyd; three-quarters: L Williamson, P Gordon, S Kosta, J Bradstock; five-eighth: K Wilson; half: S Hansard; forwards: N Pringle, G Sullivan, C Dawson, T Melville, M Robertson, C Casey

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: S Satterly, S Knight, R Parker, R Mullins ; five-eighth: G O'Grady; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: W Snodgrass, J Elford, G Foster, J Murphy, J Purcell, S Rigney **Referee: D McDonald (Rugby League Week 11th May 1974)**

Western Suburbs' semi-final prospects slumped alarmingly at Lidcombe Oval yesterday when the Magpies were trounced 26-13 by a busy Newtown combination. In addition to the six tries to one thrashing, Wests lost key players Jim Murphy and Stephen Knight for long periods through injuries. Murphy was rushed to hospital with a probable broken jaw and his immediate football future is in doubt. Knight followed him to hospital and the former World Cup star fears he has a broken collarbone. It was a disastrous match for Wests who led 7-0 after ten minutes before folding up midway through the first half. Newtown lock Neil Pringle picked up two tries in another top-ranking performance. Pringle backed up superbly and was the big difference between the two sides. Newtown had too much on Wests in condition and were never headed after a Pringle try got them to the lead after 25 minutes of the first half. Winger Kevin Bradstock made the most of a glut of possession by crossing for three tries – his best performance in first grade. Tommy Raudonikis, Johnny Elford and full-back Tony Ford, who kicked five goals from five attempts, were best for Wests. Coach Don Parish was disgusted with his team's performance and is far from confident of the Magpies making the final five. **(The Sun 6th May 1974)**

Jim Murphy's jaw broken again .. Stephen Knight in great pain with a shoulder injury ... John Elford favouring his damaged right hand and Robbie Parker with his knee packed in ice. That was the dismal news for Wests after their 26-13 trouncing at the hands of Newtown at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. It was a truly black day for Wests, who started sensationally to lead the Jets 7-0 after 10 minutes. But then the trouble started. Murphy was downed in a high tackle as he off-loaded a pass and immediately called for assistance. He was taken from the field and told Wests' officials he feared his jaw was broken. He then went to hospital for x-rays. A similar injury last year kept the rugged Murphy out of all but 10 games. It's a bitter blow for the Magpies, who already have two of their original front-row – John O'Bryan and Shane Day – as well as five-eighth John Heyward and centre Dave Oliveri – looking on from the sidelines. Once Newtown overcame Wests' early blitz, they were never in any trouble. ... Wests were kept in the game by some fine goal-kicking by full-back Tony Ford, playing his 101st top grade game. ... Tommy Raudonikis did not stop trying for Wests, Ford was safe, lock Warren Snodgrass was tireless and hooker John Purcell, although beaten in the scrums, worked hard in the general play. **(Daily Telegraph 6th May 1974)**

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**Notes:** This was a disastrous match for Wests. After leading 7-0 early, a series of injuries rocked the team. Graeme O'Grady was already in for an injured John Heyward and Jim Murphy was taken to hospital after 12 minutes for a suspected broken jaw, then they lost Stephen Knight with a serious shoulder injury after half-time. They were replaced by Mick Liubinskas and John Dorahy. Tom Raudonikis and John Elford tried hard to stem the tide but, with Robbie Parker also injuring a knee, it was a forlorn hope. They needed badly to re-group for the next match.