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Western Suburbs 18

Tony FORD John MOWBRAY Peter DIMOND (c) Roy FERGUSON Dave BARSLEY Denis PITTARD Ross GOODMAN Barry BRYANT Jim CODY John ARMSTRONG Doug WALKADEN Ken STONESTREET John HAYES Fullback Wing Centre Centre Wing Five-eighth Half Lock Second Row Second Row Front Row Hooker Front Row

Newtown 2

Alan MADDALENA Bob LANIGAN Brian MOORE Bob KEYES (c) David COTTER Jim HOGAN Peter NOBBS Kevin ALLEN John OAKLEY Paul CUNEO Bruce OLIVE Clarrie JEFFREYS Graham WILSON



Tries

Goals

Barry BRYANT Denis PITTARD

Tony FORD (4) Peter DIMOND (2) Field Goals Bob LANIGAN (1)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back: A Maddalena; three-quarters: R Lanigan, B Moore, R Keyes (c), D Cotter; five-eighth: J Hogan; half: P Nobbs; forwards: K Allen, P Cuneo, J Oakley, B Olive, C Jeffreys, G Wilson

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: J Mowbray, P Dimond (c), R Ferguson, D Barsley; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: R Goodman; forwards; B Bryant, J Cody, J Armstrong, D Walkaden, K Stonestreet, J Hayes 21st May 1967 + newspaper validation)

Western Suburbs beat Newtown 18-2 in a rugged Rugby League match at Henson Park yesterday but the victory was not quite as clear cut as the scores suggest. Newtown lost full-back Alan Maddalena after six minutes of the second half when Wests led only 4-2. Running with a strong wind, Wests then took charge. Still, the win was not really clinched until 12 minutes from the end when Denis Pittard scored a try after a movement initiated by half-back Ross Goodman. Maddalena injured the wrist when tackled by Goodman. He was in pain as he left the field and went to Lewisham Hospital for an X-ray. ... Wests' lock Barry Bryant added a try for Wests in the last couple of minutes. Five-eighth Denis Pittard, who was resuming after an injury, was Wests' chief attacker although the scrums went against Wests. Peter Dimond also did well in his comeback after a spell. He played his usual robust game and kicked two neat field goals. **(Sydney Morning Herald 22nd May 1967)**

Western Suburbs proved too strong for Newtown in a torrid Rugby League match at Henson Park yesterday. Western Suburbs won 18-2 after having led 4-2 at half-time. The issue was in doubt for most of the match. Newtown second-row forward Paul Cuneo went over in the corner in the second half, but was unable to ground the ball. Soon afterwards, Newtown full-back Alan Maddalena was taken from the field with a probable fracture of the wrist. Deadly tackling held Wests' forwards until the last minutes of play when the visitors scored two tries. Outstanding for the winners were halves Denis Pittard and Ross Goodman and three-quarters Roy Ferguson and Peter Dimond. For Newtown Brian Moore was outstanding. **(Daily Telegraph 22nd May 1967)**

That versatile Rugby League player Peter Dimond clocked back on with Wests yesterday and had quite a big say in his team's defeat of Newtown at Henson Park. For obvious reasons he didn't qualify for an award, but there weren't many better players on the field as far as ability went. Dimond, who in his time has been a winger, centre and forward, alternated between inside and outside centre yesterday. This gave him a chance to try himself out as a field-goal exponent – and he succeeded. He had his first drop shot midway through the first half and although it missed, it wasn't a bad effort and made him determined to try again when the opportunity arose. This came early in second half, just after Newtown had lost their star full-back Alan Maddalena. Dimond got the ball on the Blues' 25 and landed the goal without any apparent effort. About 12 minutes later almost nonchalantly he put the ball high between the posts for his second gaol. It just about sealed the match as it made Wests 8-2 and Newtown had to do better than a try and a goal to save the day. ... **(The Sun 22nd May 1967)**

Notes: This was a much closer match than the scores indicate. Newtown lost full-back Alan Maddalena with a fractured wrist in the second half and also lost half Peter Nobbs 10 minutes from the finish. Late tries by Pittard and Bryant put the issue beyond doubt. Peter Dimond showed his versatility by landing two good field goals. The forward pack played very strongly, especially in the second half when Wests used the prevailing wind very effectively.

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