



1945 Round 14 Saturday 11th August Cricket Ground



Newtown 28

def.

Western Suburbs 15

Alan COOK
 Athol STEWART
 Norm JACOBSON
 Sid GOODWIN
 A TAYLOR
 Tommy NEVIN
 Pat BUGDEN
 Charlie CAHILL
 Frank MULLARD
 Charlie MONTGOMERY
 Frank FARRELL (c)
 Noel MULLIGAN
 Gordon McLENNAN

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

Dick JOHNSON
 Jack SNARE
 Colin MAXWELL
 Bob ANDREWS
 Alf CARDY
 Eric BENNETT
 Jack RUSSELL
 Arthur CLUES
 Don MILTON
 Cliff PEIME
 Jack WALSH (c)
 Ron WALDRON
 Jim SEERY



Tries Athol STEWART (2)
 Sid GOODWIN
 Noel MULLIGAN
 Tommy NEVIN
 A TAYLOR

Alf CARDY
 Don MILTON
 Jack SNARE

Goals Alan COOK (5)

Bob ANDREWS (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Johnson; three-quarters: J Snare, C Maxwell, R Andrews, A Cardy; halves: E Bennett, J Russell; forwards: A Clues, C Peime, D Milton, J Seery, R Waldron, J Walsh

Newtown: Full-back: A Cook; three-quarters: A Stewart, N Jacobson, S Goodwin, A Taylor; halves: T Nevin, P Bugden; forwards: C Cahill, F Mullard, C Montgomery, F Farrell, N Mulligan, G McLennan **Referee: T McMahon (The Sun 11th August 1945)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League side suffered their biggest defeat of the season when they were overwhelmed by Newtown, 28-15 at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday. Newtown reversed their four-point loss to Wests earlier in the season with a vengeance in yesterday's return match. Not at any stage did Wests look likely to extend Newtown. It was a great performance by Newtown, who took the field with a reorganised side. Tom Kirk withdrew from the side because of injuries, and youthful reserve-grade full-back Alan Cook replaced him. Redman, selected in the centre, is suffering from a shoulder injury and was replaced by Norm Jacobson. The game was drab and uninteresting. Newtown could have added another 10 points had they taken advantage of numerous penalties that came their way. Wests poor showing after three grand wins this season at the Cricket Ground staggered supporters. They appeared to lack confidence in every move they started. Bad tackling and woeful passes made them look only second rate. West's captain, Jack Walsh, said after the match that he could not understand their poor exhibition. "We just couldn't do anything right", he said. Newtown secretary, Mr. Dave Jolly, said that Newtown's big win would boost the club's premiership prospects. "They adopted close tactics all the way through, and were never in trouble," said Jolly. "Find" of the match, according to Jolly, was Newtown's full-back, Alan Cook. Cook received a lot of advice from Tom Kirk, who was watching the match. Kirk lectured him both before the match and at half-time on the weaknesses of the State full-back Dick Johnson. It brought results. Cook outmanoeuvred and outplayed Johnson most of the game. "Bumper" Farrell, Cahill, McLennan, Mulligan, and Mullard played some of their best football this season. They continually served their halves, Bugden and Nevin with a feast of the ball. Nevin has rarely played better than yesterday. He made move after move for Newtown, and culminated a fine performance with a good try. Stewart, Taylor, and Goodwin, Newtown three-quarters, scored four tries between them. Stewart ran resolutely to score two 40-yard tries. A crowd of 28,687 paid £1485 to see the match. **(The Daily Telegraph 12th August 1945)**

Somnambulists Newtown and Wests turned on the snappiest sleep-walking display of the season at the Cricket Ground yesterday before the biggest crowd in weeks. Individual flashes added a little colour, but the teamwork of both sides was as flat as Hiroshima. Fans didn't wait to cheer Newtown's 28-15 win. They wanted their money back. Combined back play was pathetic. Star five-eighth Eric Bennett wanted to stand on Tom Nevins's toes and Maxwell and Andrews played tag on Goodwin and Jacobson. We saw nothing of Maxwell. The strong thrusting runs we expected were missing. Cardy and Snare as an attacking force might as well have been at home. They never were given a chance. **(Truth 12th August 1945)**

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Notes: This was a surprise win by Newtown and Wests seemed flat going into the semis. Col Maxwell was pole-axed early on by a ball to the face and seemed to be out of it for the rest of the match. Don Milton and Jack Snare both played well for Wests but the rest of the team seemed lethargic.