



## 1975 Round 8 Sunday 11th May Lidcombe Oval



### Newtown 22

Barry COX (c)  
John BRADSTOCK  
Mark WRIGHT  
Steve KOSTA  
Dave OLIVERI  
Paul HAYWARD  
Steve HANSARD  
Terry MURPHY  
Neville SHOEMARK  
Garry SULLIVAN  
Rob SULLIVAN  
Doug KEMISTER  
Doug LUCAS

def.

### Western Suburbs 11

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

John DORAHY  
Don ROGERS  
Stephen KNIGHT  
Robbie PARKER  
Russell MULLINS  
Tim MURPHY  
Geoff SMITH  
Chris WELLMAN  
Jim MURPHY (c)  
Geoff FOSTER  
John DONNELLY  
Shane DAY  
Mick LIUBINSKAS  
Peter YOUNG



**Tries**                      John BRADSTOCK (3)  
                                    Paul HAYWARD

Tim MURPHY

**Goals**                      Paul HAYWARD (3)  
                                    John BRADSTOCK (2)

John DORAHY (4)

#### Match Description

**Newtown:** Full-back: B Cox (c); three-quarters: J Bradstock, M Wright, S Kosta, D Oliveri; five-eighth: P Hayward; half: S Hansard; forwards: T Murphy, N Shoemark, G Sullivan, R Sullivan, D Kemister, D Lucas

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: D Rogers, S Knight, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: G Smith; forwards: C Wellman, J Murphy, G Foster, J Donnelly, S Day, M Liubinskas     **Referee: K Roberts (Rugby League Week 17th May 1975)**

Prop Mick Liubinskas and second-rower Geoff Foster seem certain to be axed as a result of Wests 22-11 loss to Newtown at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Wests' forwards were blamed for the defeat and coach Don Parish said after the game changes would have to be made. The Magpies were a leaderless bunch without skipper Tommy Raudonikis, with no player calling the moves or directing play..... While Wests were incredibly bad, the lightweight Newtown side were very good. Given an 8-2 share of possession in the second half Wests couldn't make any impression on a Newtown defence that just wouldn't wilt .... **(The Sun 12th May 1975)**

A shake-up is sure to follow Western Suburbs' shock 22-11 loss to lowly Newtown yesterday at Lidcombe Oval. Wests' coach, Don Parish, was an angry man after his hot-and-cold side had reduced him to a new depth in frustration. Parish said the display had been the worst by a Wests' side since he had been with the club. "They weren't interested, so we will have to find players who are," he said. "There were no excuses." Parish complained his big forwards had allowed Newtown prop Doug Lucas to "look like another Arthur Beetson." Lucas, plucked out of the reserves for the match, certainly had a rousing, rough-tough game. And he had willing partners in Gary and Rob Sullivan, Neville Shoemark, Doug Kemister and Terry Murphy. Newtown led from the eighth minute when winger John Bradstock booted a penalty goal. By half-time they had turned their lead into a 15-7 margin with Bradstock crossing twice and little Paul Hayward darted across for a touchdown. Newtown's nippy, frisky backs, with Mark Wright, the season's find, the most elusive of them all, ran rings around the leaden-footed Wests team. It was panic stations for Wests every time Wright got the ball. Bradstock and Hayward between them scored all Newtown's points. ... **(Daily Telegraph 12th May 1975)**

An irate Western Suburbs Rugby League coach, Don Parish, predicted several sackings after his team received a 22-11 hiding from lowly-rated Newtown at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. "It was a disgrace," Parish declared. "If they won't have a go, I'll get players who will. They played like wooden-spooners. It was the worst display I've seen from a Wests' side in my long association with the club." Parish flatly rejected the idea that Wests sadly missed Test half-back Tom Raudonikis. Newtown turned in a courageous performance. They threw the ball about with plenty of confidence and led 15-7 at the interval, but were forced to defend grimly in the second session. The Magpies drew up to 15-11 after 25 minutes and appeared to be gaining the upper hand, but Newtown doggedly battled on and scored seven points in the final five minutes. **(Sydney Morning Herald 12th May 1975)**

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**Notes:** Don Parish refused to blame the absence of Tom Raudonikis (ankle injury) for the poor performance. He got stuck into the forwards for not tackling and threatened axings. The Jets put on three quick tries to lead 15-2, and although Wests drew back to 11-15, they were still dropping passes and generally being scrappy. Tim Murphy played his 100th game and Stephen Knight and John Donnelly were strong, but this was a very disappointing loss after good form in previous matches.