



# 1938 Round 1 Saturday 23rd April Pratten Park



## Newtown 32

Fred HOMER  
 Jack DANZEY  
 Garnet BRAYBROOK  
 Tommy NEVIN (c)  
 Athol STEWART  
 Merv WHALE  
 F CHRISTENSEN  
 Anthony BLOMGREN  
 George STONESTREET  
 Jim HALL  
 Frank FARRELL  
 Allan ELLIS  
 Jack DAVIES

def.

## Western Suburbs 15

Jim SHARMAN (c)  
 Adrian GLEESON  
 Fred BABER  
 Ron KNIGHT  
 Ernest MARTIN  
 Lew FISHER  
 Albert McGUINESS  
 George LUCAS  
 Jack SCHUBACK  
 Edward MEWTON  
 Ken LOCK  
 Ray WALDON  
 Jim MARKS



### Tries

Tommy NEVIN (2)  
 Anthony BLOMGREN  
 Jack DANZEY  
 Jack DAVIES  
 George STONESTREET

Albert McGUINESS (2)  
 Fred BABER

### Goals

Allan ELLIS (7)

Jim SHARMAN (3) All drop-kicks

### Match Description

**Newtown:** Full-back: F Homer; three-quarters: J Danzey, G Braybrook, T Nevin (capt), A Stewart; halves: M Whale, F Christensen; forwards: A Blomgren, G Stonestreet, J Hall, J Davies, A Ellis, F Farrell

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Sharman (capt); three-quarters: A Gleeson, F Baber, R Knight, E Martin; halves: L Fisher, A McGuiness; forwards: G Lucas, E Mewton, J Schuback, J Marks, R Waldon, K Lock **Referee: P Lee (Rugby League News 30th April 1938)**

..... Newtown, playing vigorously, entered Western Suburbs' 25. Wests fell into errors and A. Ellis kicked a penalty goal. Newtown 2. Western Suburbs 0. Soon after Baber came away with the ball and just got home to score. Knight failed to convert, Western Suburbs 3, Newtown 2. After a scrum Lucas sent McGuiness across in the corner for Wests. Knight failed to convert. Western Suburbs 6, Newtown 2. Newtown swept downfield and after a little rucking Blomgren hurled himself across in the corner. With a great kick A. Ellis added the extra points. Newtown 7, Western Suburbs 6. .... When the forwards launched another attack Whale was there to assist. He sent Stonestreet over and Ellis again converted. Newtown 12, Western Suburbs 6. Western Suburbs kept on winning the scrums, but a short punt by Fisher was disastrous. Stewart gathered and after a good run sent to Danzey, who ran across to score. Ellis kicked his fourth goal. Newtown 17, Western Suburbs 6. Wests attacked again. In a great race Homer and McGuiness seemed to get the ball together, but referee Lee gave the verdict to McGuiness. Knight's shot failed. Newtown 17, Western Suburbs 9. .... Half-time Scores: Newtown 17, Western Suburbs 9. Newtown resumed without Braybrook. Nevertheless, they took the offensive. Western Suburbs were penalised in front of the goal, and Ellis succeeded with the kick. Newtown 19, Western Suburbs 9. ... From a penalty, Sharman added points for Western Suburbs, with a nice drop-kick. Newtown 19, Western Suburbs 11. Sharman, soon afterwards, drop-kicked his second penalty goal. Newtown 19, Western Suburbs 13. In heavy tackling, Martin received ambulance attention. When the game was resumed Newtown won another scrum. The ball was swung out to Nevin, who veered towards the corner and scored. Ellis failed to convert. Newtown 22, Western Suburbs 13. Fisher went off, apparently with an injured elbow. Newtown were well on top now. Davies took a pass and scored. Ellis converted, Newtown 27, Western Suburbs 13. Sharman kicked a penalty. Newtown 27, Western Suburbs 15. Newtown finished with another burst, Nevin going through to score near the posts. Ellis converted. Newtown 32, Western Suburbs 15. **(The Sun 23rd April 1938)**

"Freshers" to the First Grade team in the three-quarter line are F Baber (centre) and E Martin (winger). Lew Fisher (the five-eighth position) who showed great promise in the lower grades last season..... In the forward division new men are G Lucas from the Reserves and Jim Marks from the University Club. Jim is not a solo, as there is also Jack Rubinson also from the defunct club... W Keato, the Junior from Liverpool, is a match winner himself with his well-judged goal kicking, and will keep those players in front of him thinking as to how they must play. **(Rugby League News 23rd April 1938)**

**Notes:** The University club had been disbanded and Wests picked up two players, Jim Marks and Jack Rubinson. Ernest Martin (ex-St George 1933) made his debut but was forced off injured. Lew Fisher and George Lucas made their debuts after strong performances in Reserves the previous year. Jim Sharman was made captain and he drop-kicked three goals but Newtown won the scrums convincingly and, although there was a lot of poor handling early on and numerous cautions, Newtown were always in control and it looked like it was going to be a long season. One bright spot was the debut of Billy Keato in Reserve Grade (he kicked three goals). He was already stamped as a future star.