



1943 Round 13 Saturday 24th July Pratten Park



Newtown 20

Tom KIRK
 Des FULLERTON
 Sid GOODWIN
 Len SMITH
 Norm JACOBSON
 Tommy NEVIN
 Paddy BUGDEN
 Bernie BURFORD
 Frank SPEECHLEY
 Keith PHILLIPS
 Gordon McLENNAN
 Jim BRAILEY
 Frank FARRELL (c)

def.

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

Western Suburbs 19

Ron MARTIN
 Jack WHITEHURST (c)
 Bruce BROWN
 Jack SNARE
 Ron FIELDS
 Stan EISENHUTH
 Albert McGUINNESS
 Arthur CLUES
 Jack WOODS
 George LUCAS
 Ron CAMPBELL
 Neville SPENCE
 Fred FAYERS



Tries Frank FARRELL
 Keith PHILLIPS

Stan EISENHUTH
 Ron FIELDS
 Jack SNARE

Goals Tom KIRK (7)

Ron MARTIN (5)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Martin; three-quarters: J Whitehurst, B Brown, J Snare, R Fields; halves: S Eisenhuth, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: A Clues, J Woods, G Lucas, R Campbell, N Spence, F Fayers

Newtown: Full-back: T Kirk; three-quarters: D Fullerton, L Smith, N Jacobson, S Goodwin; halves: T Nevin, P Bugden; forwards: B Burford, F Speechley, K Phillips, F Farrell, J Brailey, G McLennan **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 7th August 1943)**

Offside by Whitehurst, in front of the post, saw Kirk open the scoring for Newtown within five minutes of the start. Martin made amends a few moments later when, from about the same position, he kicked a goal, making the scores level at 2-all. A clever try by Wests followed. Smith kicked weakly, and McGuinness, securing, sent to Campbell, to Eisenhuth, who scored. Martin converted, to give Western Suburbs the lead, 7-2. Wests went further ahead when Whitehurst, breaking away, sent to Field, who badly beat several opponents, and scored near the posts for Martin to convert. Western Suburbs, 12-2. Further success came to Wests when McGuinness, securing from a scrum, ran Snare into position. The little winger had too much pace, and scored an easy try for Martin to again goal. Wests led, 17-2. Nevin nearly scored after he received from Bugden, being forced out in the corner. Wests were playing great football, and were more than holding Newtown. Newtown scored immediately on resuming. Jacobson came across from the wing and kicked to Martin, who was tackled in possession. Martin lost the ball, and Farrell, picking up in the loose, scored. Kirk goaled and Wests led 17-7. Kirk landed his third goal from about 30 yards out to make Wests 17-9. Whitehurst was penalised for tackling Smith, when he did not have the ball, and Kirk kicked an easy goal. Wests 17-11. For not allowing Speechley to play the ball, Wests were penalised and Kirk added another goal to his tally, making it his fifth. Wests 17-13. Play went into Newtown's 25, where Wests received a penalty and Martin added another two points, to make Western Suburbs 19-13. Newtown, attacking solidly again, scored. Jacobson made the opening and sent to Phillips, who crossed near the post. Kirk goaled and the score was: Wests 19-18. Newtown, at last, secured the lead. McGuinness was penalised for not putting the ball into the scrum properly and Kirk kicked his seventh goal, to make the score: Newtown 20-19. **(The Sun 24th July 1943)**

The 'Bluebags' were lucky bags to down the 'fruitpickers' by a whisker at Pratten Park yesterday. They had only one point to spare, 20-19, and can thank Kirk's trusty toe for doing the trick. Spectacular tries by R. Fields. S. Eisenhuth and J Snare gave the 'Fruitpickers' a winning 17-2 lead at the interval, but frequent penalties enabled Tom Kirk to land goals from all angles. A doubtful try by 'Bumper' Farrell, after a supporting forward knocked on, gave the Blues the final points. Wests were the better team on the day and their early combination was grand. Fields, Snare, Brown, and especially McGuinness. Eisenhuth, and Whitehurst seemed to bewilder the blue backs, who were in very poor touch. The losers' best forward was Ron Campbell who shone out as the best 'pig' on the ground. Bumper Farrell and Gordon McLennan stood out for the 'Bluebags.' **(Truth 25th July 1943)**

Notes: Wests were well on top in the first half but couldn't hold off Newtown under a deluge of penalties in the second half. Kirk kicked a late goal from a dicey scrum penalty with just a minute to go. "Bumper" Farrell's try was also considered very doubtful. Ron Fields showed his toughness by playing with a septic shin, against doctor's orders. Jack Snare scored his second try in two games after again backing up from playing Reserve Grade. Most judges considered Newtown very lucky to win this match.