



1942 Round 14 Saturday 8th August St Luke's Park



Canterbury 28

def.

Western Suburbs 0

Lin JOHNSON
 Edgar NEWHAM
 Jack BONNYMAN
 Ron BAILEY
 Bob JACKSON
 Les CLAIRE
 Tom EZART
 Frank SPONBERG
 George ELLEY
 Bob FARRAR
 Eddie BURNS
 Roy KIRKALDY
 Arthur MORRIS

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

Les RIGBY
 Jack GRAHAME/KNOX
 Bruce BROWN
 Ron HILL
 Alan RICE
 Billy MORRIS
 Albert McGUINNESS (c)
 George LUCAS
 Ted EDWARDS
 Fred McKEAN
 Wal TAYLOR
 Thomas GREW
 Jack HOPE



Tries Edgar NEWHAM (3)
 Eddie BURNS
 Tom EZART
 Ron BAILEY

Goals Lin JOHNSON (4)
 Roy KIRKALDY (1)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: L Johnson; three-quarters: E Newham, R Bailey, J Bonnyman, R Jackson; halves: L Claire, T Ezart; forwards: A Norris, R Kirkaldy, E Burns, R Farrar, G Elley, F Sponberg

Western Suburbs: Full-back: L Rigby; three-quarters: J Grahame, B Brown, R Hill, A Rice; halves: W Morris, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: G Lucas, F McKean, E Edwards, W Taylor, T Grew, J Hope **Referee: A Shiner (Rugby League News 15th August 1942)**

Interstate winger Edgar Newham made a dazzling return to first grade Rugby League by scoring three tries for Canterbury against Western Suburbs yesterday. Canterbury defeated Wests at St. Luke's Oval, 28-0. Newham, an anti-aircraft gunner, made a 300-mile round trip to take part. He has been playing reserve grade in recent weeks at his own request. Newham explained that he did not have time to train while in camp, and he did not want to prejudice his team's chances. Newham's three tries yesterday were typical of his methods. He "bumped" or pushed off would-be tacklers until he burst through the defence, and then made a headlong dive over the line to score. Canterbury's secretary (Mr. Barney Russell) said: "We will certainly win the competition now. Ron Bailey, Tom Ezart and Eddie Burns scored good tries for Canterbury. Bailey outpaced everybody in a 45 yards run to score his try. Bob Farrar was the best forward on the ground- until he was sent off with "Snowy"- McKean, of Wests, for fighting. **(The Daily Telegraph 9th August 1942)**

On their form of yesterday against W. Suburbs, Cantabs look a hotshot for this season's premiership. They overwhelmed Wests to win 28-0. With Tom Ezart back in his correct posy, Edgar Newham on the flank. Ron Bailey and Jack Bonnyman playing as class centres, they completely dazzled the Black and Whites. Newham scored three scintillating individual tries, during which he sidestepped, swerved and fended like a Billy Batten. Tom Ezart, the pivot of all attacking movements, was versatile and full of beans. Ron Bailey and Jack Bonnyman both cut holes in the defence, being resourceful and dashing both in defence and attack. Eddie Burns and Frank Sponberg were grand in the tight and loose amongst the pigs. For the losers, winger B. Brown, L. Rigby, last line of defence, and A. McGuinness were the pick of the rear-guard. W. Morris, five-eighth, was the weak link, with R. Hill patchy in the centre. **(Truth 9th August 1942)**

"Podgy" McGuinness completed a double on Saturday last; he suffered an injury to his ribs which will keep him out of the game today, and on Saturday night his wife presented him with a son. "Podgy" has stated this is his last year as a player and we hope, if he insists on this, he will not drop out of football, as with his experience he would be an asset on the administrative side of the club.... congratulations to the following players who have played their 50 games with the club, George Lucas, Billy Keato, Fred McKean and Ron Campbell **(Rugby League News 15th August 1942)**

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Notes: Wests were completely outplayed again, although Canterbury became Minor Premiers after this by beating Balmain in a play-off 26-20. Ron Hill made another appearance and Billy Morris went into five-eighth where he wasn't successful. "Podgy" McGuinness was forced off for a while and Canterbury scored a try while he was off. The whole of the 1942 season had been characterised by a series of serious injuries. Late in the match Fred McKean and Bob Farrar were sent off for fighting.