



1964 Round 15 Sunday 2nd August Henson Park



Newtown 15

Bob BARRETT
 Gary TORRENS
 Brian MOORE
 Bob KEYES
 Ron WRIGHT
 Reg HATTON
 John COX
 Dick SEE
 Graham WILSON (c)
 Ron HANSEN
 Bruce OLIVE
 Clarrie JEFFRIES
 Paul QUINN

def.

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

Western Suburbs 11

Ken BRAY
 John ARMSTRONG
 Gil MacDOUGALL
 Rob McGUINNESS
 Peter DIMOND
 Roger BUTTENSCHAW
 Don MALONE
 Kevin SMYTH
 Jim CODY
 John HAYES
 Denis MEANEY
 Noel KELLY (c)
 Ken OWENS



Tries Graham WILSON
 Brian MOORE
 Dick SEE

John HAYES

Goals Bob BARRETT (3)

Ken BRAY (4)

Match Description

Newtown: Full-back: R Barrett; three-quarters: G Torrens, B Moore, R Keyes, R Wright; five-eighth: R Hatton; half: J Cox; forwards: R See, G Wilson (c), R Hansen, B Olive, C Jeffreys, P Quinn

Western Suburbs: Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: J Armstrong, R MacDougall, R McGuinness, P Dimond; five-eighth: R Buttenschaw; half: D Malone; forwards: K Smyth, J Hayes, J Cody, D Meaney, N Kelly (c), K Owens **Referee: L Bruyeres (as per program Rugby League News 1st-5th August 1964 + newspaper validation)**

Newtown Rugby League captain yesterday put paid to Western Suburbs' faint semi-final hopes with two crashing first-half runs in the match at Henson Park. Newtown defended grimly in the second half to record a 15-11 victory in a rugged match. Wilson's two runs, within the space of eight minutes, resulted in eight points and enabled Newtown to hold a handy 10-2 lead at half-time. On the first occasion Wilson forced his way through the Western Suburbs forwards to cross near the posts. Full-back Bob Barrett converted this try to give Newtown a 7-2 lead. Shortly afterwards, Wilson again burst into the attack. When held near the line he slipped a pass to lock-forward Dick See, who scored. Wests fought back after half-time and with 15 minutes to play had reduced Newtown's lead to three points. Then, Test forward Paul Quinn dummied his way through a gap and sent Brian Moore racing over to clinch the match. Yesterday's defeat finished a belated run by Wests towards the semi-finals. Now on 13 points, Wests are five points behind fourth-placed team South Sydney with only three matches remaining. Newtown on 14 points, also is virtually out of the running. Wests yesterday had two late chances to save the match. It looked certain to score when left-winger John Armstrong dashed 50 yards down the left wing with five minutes play remaining. Armstrong turned the ball inside to centre Gil MacDougall but the Newtown cover defence nailed MacDougall 15 yards from the posts. Shortly afterwards, Newtown half John Cox beat Peter Dimond in the race to a bouncing ball near the Newtown line. If Wests had grabbed either of those opportunities it almost certainly would have won the match, because full-back Ken Bray was in fine goal-kicking touch in the second half. ... **(Daily Telegraph 3rd August 1964)**

Western Suburbs were knocked out of the Rugby League semi-finals for the first time in eight years when they were beaten 15-11 by Newtown at Henson Park yesterday. Yesterday's defeat, brought about mainly by their own mistakes, concluded a bad year for the club. Their failure to hold the ball during the first half yesterday, when they were running against the strong breeze, proved their downfall. They won a good share of the ball from the scrums, but nullified this with sloppy handling which gave Newtown possession. ... Wests big chance came nine minutes from the finish when centre Gil MacDougall was sent through by strong-running winger John Armstrong. But, when covered by the defence, he tossed a wild pass back over his head and the movement ended. As Wests rallied in the second half there were some fierce exchanges in the rucks. ... For much of the match Wests' centres were crashed to the ground as soon as they got the ball or else forced to run ineffectively across field. **(Sydney Morning Herald 3rd August 1964)**

Notes: This loss meant the end of semi-final hopes for Wests, who had had an injury-plagued season. They had their chances late in the match but early handling errors had cost them dearly. John Armstrong continued his fine form and looked to have set up Gil MacDougall for a winning try, but MacDougall didn't have the pace to escape the closing cover defence. It was a typical rough and tough Newtown/ Wests clash. Ken Bray passed 100 points for the season in a fine display, after covering for the injured Parish.