



1962 Round 3 Saturday 21st April Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 16

def.

Newtown 12

Noel TREVENA
 Fred NORDEN
 Robert McGUINESS
 Gil MacDOUGALL
 Peter DIMOND
 Don MALONE
 Arthur SUMMONS
 Kevin SMYTH
 John HAYES
 Kel O'SHEA (c)
 Denis MEANEY
 Bill CARSON
 Brian HENDERSON

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

Ron WRIGHT
 Dudley TOWERS
 Ken ROWLANDS
 Graham FROST
 Bob KEYS
 Tony BROWN (c)
 John GRIFFIN
 Kevin ALLEN
 John OAKLEY
 Graham WILSON
 Barry NELSON
 Greg ELLIS
 Brian MCGREAL

Tries Kevin SMYTH
 Don MALONE

Bob KEYS (2)

Goals Noel TREVENA (5)

Greg ELLIS (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: N Trevena; three-quarters: F Norden, R McGuiness, G MacDougall, P Dimond; five-eighth: D Malone; half: A Summons; forwards: K Smyth, J Hayes, K O'Shea (c), D Meaney, W Carson, B Henderson

Newtown: Full-back: R Wright; three-quarters: B Keys, K Rowlands, G Frost, D Towers; five-eighth: R Brown (c); half: J Griffin; forwards: K Allen, J Oakley, G Wilson, B McGreal, G Ellis, B Nelson **Referee: F Erickson (The Sun 21st April 1962)**

Western Suburbs, disjointed by injuries, ended Newtown's successful run with a 16-12 win at Pratten Park yesterday. After trailing at two stages, Wests fought back to take a comfortable lead and then withstood Newtown's final burst to clinch the win. Most of the match was a scrambling affair but it came "alive" with a vengeance in the final 10 minutes. In that time, Wests' 14-8 lead was whittled down to 14-12 following two penalties goals by hooker Greg Ellis. The crowd of 4,700 was brought to a state of high excitement as the tough, relentless play caused the 'edge' to swing from one team to another. Seven minutes from the finish, replacement full-back Noel Trevena kicked his fifth goal to give Wests a four-point margin. But Wests were not out of trouble. Second-row forward Kel O'Shea limped from a badly strained ankle as Newtown, with a lion's share of the ball, gradually wormed play towards Wests' line. Three minutes from full-time, Wests' half-back Arthur Summons, shot through the Newtown pack without a hand being laid on him in a 40-yard run. This ended Newtown's chances. Although well beaten in the scrums, Wests always seemed the better team. They had more penetration in attack. In defence their backs and forwards moved up fast, smothering most of Newtown's rather stereotyped play. In the second half, running with the breeze and with the possibility of winning the ball from the scrum, Newtown kicked a lot. But their kicks were ill-directed, and generally went safely to Trevena, who ran the ball out without trying to do anything spectacular. The only back in the Newtown team to show any ability to penetrate was five-eighth Tony Brown. Brown may have slowed up a trifle, but he is a magnificent team player who has the ability to set up moves. It was his wide run from a ruck towards the left wing which gave Keyes the chance to score his second try. Outstanding player for Wests was lock-forward Kevin Smyth, who scored his team's first try when he backed up well, fooled the defence with a dummy and then shot through without a hand being laid on him. His non-stop cover defence for Wests provided a solid wall. **(The Sun-Herald 22nd April 1962)**

Midnight chimed for Rugby League's Cinderella team, Newtown, at Pratten Park yesterday. As the final peal of the bell rang out, Wests triumphed 16-12 in a hard-fought match. Wests proved to be the ugly sisters in stopping Newtown's bid to remain competition leaders. The Blues this season had come from the competition tail-enders of last year to lead the table after two rounds. "Anyone who takes this team lightly is staring disaster in the face." Mr Bill Beaver, Wests' Secretary, said after the game. Newtown looked set to win midway through the second half when it led 8-7, was running with a stiff breeze, and gaining a major share of the ball from the scrums. The match to this stage had been unspectacular but the football was of a hard, tough brand which separates the men from the boys. Then suddenly the Blues were looking at defeat. **(Sunday Mirror 22nd April 1962)**

Notes: Dave Barsley was a very late withdrawal for this match and there was a major reshuffle. Noel Trevena came up from Reserves to play full-back, Fred Norden went to the wing and Robert McGuiness debuted at centre. Noel Kelly was also out, with Bill Carson going to hooker and Brian Henderson (ex-Balmain) debuting at prop. Kel O'Shea relished his return to the second-row and was the best player on the field, although Denis Meaney, showing surprising dash for a prop, was also in great form. Both of the new centres played solidly. Newtown had been unbeaten so far so this was a good win with a patched-up side.