



# 1939 Round 6 Saturday 20th May Henson Park



## Western Suburbs 18

def.

## Newtown 10

Jim SHARMAN  
 David COLLISS  
 Fred BABER  
 Colin FEWTRELL  
 Ken KELLY  
 Cal LYNCH  
 Albert McGUINESS (c)  
 Ron ACKLING  
 Ron CAMPBELL  
 Don GULLIVER  
 Jack SCHUBACK  
 Ken LOCK  
 Jack PIPER

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

Fred SMITH  
 J NEWTON  
 Tommy NEVIN  
 F CHRISTENSEN  
 M MAURICE  
 Cliff NOBLE  
 Merv WHALE  
 George STONESTREET  
 Allan ELLIS (c)  
 Alan WELLINGTON  
 Jim HALL  
 J KELLY  
 Frank FARRELL

### Tries

Fred BABER  
 Jack SCHUBACK  
 Don GULLIVER  
 Ron CAMPBELL

Cliff NOBLE  
 Merv WHALE

### Goals

Albert McGUINESS (2)  
 Cal LYNCH (1)

Allan ELLIS (1)  
 Fred SMITH (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: D Colless, F Baber, C Fewtrell, K Kelly; halves: C Lynch, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: R Ackling, R Campbell, D Gulliver, J Schuback, K Lock, J Piper

**Newtown:** Full-back: F Smith; three-quarters: M Maurice, T Nevin, F Christensen, J Newton; halves: C Noble, M Whale; forwards: A Ellis (capt), A Wellington, G Stonestreet, F Farrell, J Kelly, J Hall **Referee: P Lee (Rugby League News 10th June 1939)**

Newtown, aided by a penalty, went into the Western Suburbs' 25, and before two minutes play had scored. From a ruck near the Western Suburbs' line Noble got the ball and crossed near the posts. Ellis converted and Newtown led 5-0. Campbell and Piper put Western Suburbs on the offensive then and after another two minutes' play Western Suburbs had scored. The ball came from a scrum to McGuinness, to Lynch, to Baber, who sent to Schuback, who went over. Collins missed the goal. Newtown 5, Western Suburbs 3. After Lynch, Baber, Kelly and Fewtrell had carried the ball to near the Newtown 25, a penalty came to Western Suburbs and Lynch landed a nice goal to even the score. Newtown 5, Western Suburbs 5. Newtown swarmed down into Wests' territory, and from a penalty Smith landed a goal from well out. Newtown 7, Western Suburbs 5. From about five yards inside halfway Sharman attempted a field goal, but the ball fell just short of the cross-bar. Penalties then enabled Wests to go to the attack. Then Whale put Newtown further ahead with a glorious try. The ball went to Nevin from a ruck. Nevin passed to Whale near half-way, and the latter evaded four defenders to score wide out. Smith failed to convert, and Newtown led 10 to 5. Half-time scores:—Newtown 10, Western Suburbs 5.

Western Suburbs went to the attack after the restart, but Whale, Noble, Whale again, and Farrell took the ball to the Western Suburbs 25 with a great burst. .... Then a penalty came to Western Suburbs, and McGuinness raised the flags, for Newtown to lead 10-7. Baber levelled the score with a great try after securing the ball from Colless but McGuinness missed the goal. Newtown 10, Wests 10. Sharman then just missed with two attempts at field-goals in quick succession. McGuinness, Lynch, Baber, and Kelly advanced the ball to their opponents half, and then Western Suburbs was in. From a scrum McGuinness battled through the ruck to send Gulliver for the try, When McGuinness converted, Western Suburbs led 15 to 10. From a scrum near the Newtown's' 25 McGuinness passed to Campbell, who scored with two men holding on to him. McGuinness missed the goal. Western Suburbs 18, Newtown 10. **(The Sun 20th May 1939)**

Of the other forwards, R Campbell, 22 years of age and weighing 15 stone, 4 lbs, certainly pulled his full weight, particularly in that effort which culminated in a try, and Ron Ackling referred to in last Sunday's paper as that "bald old man" is no less a person than our "Sarah" who plays the last man down, and is only in his early twenties, and no relation whatever to Bill Brogan, notwithstanding the apparent likeness. We, therefore, hope to be honoured with his company for years to come, and heartiest congratulations are extended from all and sundry, Ron, on your elevation to First Grade.....another player making his First Grade debut was Ken Kelly, on the wing, and congratulations are also extended to him. Ken did everything asked of him, and will surely develop after gaining a little more experience. **(Rugby League News 27th May 1939)**

**Notes:** This marked the debut for Ron Ackling, Ron Campbell and Ken Kelly and all went well. The return of Jack Schuback after injury was a key factor in this, Wests first win of the season. He went to the front row and Don Gulliver moved to the second row where he was a powerful force. The team changes seemed to make a difference and Wests played strongly throughout.