



1943 Round 7 Saturday 5th June Henson Park



Newtown 14

Tom KIRK
 Bruce RYAN
 Sid GOODWIN
 Tommy NEVIN
 Norm JACOBSON
 Cliff NOBLE
 Keith FROOME
 Charles CAHILL
 Frank SPEEHLEY
 Keith PHILLIPS
 Gordon McLENNAN
 Jim BRAILEY
 Frank FARRELL (c)

def.

Western Suburbs 10

Brian DAWSON
 Stan EISENHUTH
 Jack WHITEHURST (c)
 Bob ANDREWS
 Bruce BROWN
 Ron FIELDS
 Albert McGUINESS
 Arthur CLUES
 Alan KEATO
 George LUCAS
 Ron CAMPBELL
 William BROWN
 Ken IBBETT



Tries

Sid GOODWIN (2)
 Norm JACOBSON
 Bruce RYAN

Stan EISENHUTH
 William BROWN

Goals

Tom KIRK (1)

Bob ANDREWS (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: B Dawson; three-quarters: B Brown, J Whitehurst, R Andrews, S Eisenhuth; halves: R Fields, A McGuiness; forwards: A Clues, A Keato, G Lucas, R Campbell, W Brown, K Ibbett

Newtown: Full-back: T Kirk; three-quarters: B Ryan, S Goodwin, T Nevin, N Jacobson; halves: C Noble, K Froome; forwards: C Cahill, K Phillips, F Speechley, F Farrell, J Brailey, G McLennan **Referee: J O'Brien (Rugby League News 19th June 1943)**

... For the losers, McGuiness, Fields, Andrews, and Eisenhuth were the most prominent in the rear-guard, and Campbell, Brown, and Ibbett the pick of the forwards. **(Truth 6th June 1943)**

Excellent tries by Sid Goodwin and Bruce Ryan in the last 20 minutes helped Newtown defeat Western Suburbs, 14-10 in a Rugby League thriller at Henson Park yesterday. Goodwin, who regained his place in the team when Len Smith withdrew, scored two tries within 10 minutes. Both tries resulted from robust 30-yard bursts. In scoring the second try, he bumped his last tackler 10 yards against the corner post. Spectators cheered Goodwin as he returned to the dressing-room. Former international Bill Brogan said: "The best game I have seen in 10 years, but Wests should have won" F. Farrell, Newtown's captain, regarded the game one of the hardest in which he had played. Wests led 3-2 until 20 minutes from the end. W. Brown scored a try which was converted, and Wests were only one point down with 10 minutes to go. The last 10 minutes was played at cup-tie pitch, and Ryan's try, which clinched the game for Newtown, was scored only two minutes before the bell. Keith Froome, Newtown half, injured his shoulder in the first tackle, but completed the match. He played one of his best games, and started the moves which ended in tries by Goodwin and Jacobson. Froome said he would be fit for the Country v. City match next Saturday. **(The Daily Telegraph 6th June 1943)**

Congratulations to Ron Campbell on his game last Saturday. Ron is now playing the best football of his career, and the harder the going the better he likes it.....our many followers will be pleased to know that Eric Bennett will be available against St George, and the five-eighth position, which has given our selectors such a headache will be solved.....Freddy Fayers, Reserve Grade forward, is playing outstanding football, and will be hard to jeep out of the First Grade ranks before the season concludes. **(Rugby League News 12th June 1943)**.....

The bad luck which has dogged the club for some years has not left us yet; Eric Bennett, whom we were hoping would be fit to play today, has had a reoccurrence of his old knee injury and will not be available again this season. Eric has had more than his share of injuries since coming to Sydney, as last season he missed the first round with a broken collarbone **(Rugby League News 19th June 1943)**

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Notes: This was a close, exciting game with the last Newtown try being scored in the last two minutes. Bill Brogan, ex-International, looking on, reckoned Wests should have won but he may have had some bias! Ken Ibbett, a good goal-kicker, made his debut but the article on Eric Bennett being out for the rest of the season highlighted the injury problems that had faced the club for the last few seasons. The rise of Fred Fayers was also a good bit of foretelling. Bob Andrews came into five-eighth in the second half, again highlighting the problem they had in that position.