



1938 Round 8 Saturday 18th June Henson Park



Western Suburbs 17

def.

Newtown 4

Jim SHARMAN
Adrian GLEESON
Cec FIFIELD (c)
Colin FEWTRELL
Bill PURCELL
Cal LYNCH
Albert McGUINNESS
Don MURRAY
Stan SIMPSON
Don GULLIVER
Jack SCHUBACK
Ken LOCK
Athol SMITH

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

Fred SMITH
Hylton DAVIES
Tommy NEVIN (c)
Bob PERKINS
Athol STEWART
Leo TUTTY
Cliff NOBLE
Allan ELLIS
Frank FARRELL
Jim HALL
George STONESTREET
J FULHAM
Jack DAVIES

Tries

Colin FEWTRELL
Cal LYNCH
Athol SMITH

Goals

Stan SIMPSON (3)
Jim SHARMAN (1) Field Goal

Allan ELLIS (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: W Purcell, C Fewtrell, C Fifield, A Gleeson; halves: C Lynch, A McGuinness; forwards: D Murray, S Simpson, D Gulliver, A Smith, K Lock, J Schuback

Newtown: Full-back: F Smith; three-quarters: R Perkins, T Nevin (capt), H Davies; halves: L Tutty, C Noble; forwards: A Ellis, F Farrell, J Hall, J Davies, J Fulham; G Stonestreet **Referee: L Baggott (Rugby League News June 25th 1938)**

At Henson Park yesterday Wests defeated Newtown 17-4. The consistency with which Wests dominated scrums gave Newtown's backs little chance of starting scoring movements. Wests' backs ably supported their forwards. On yesterday's performance, the team gives indication of moving up the competition table. Sharman at full-back completely outplayed the opposing full-back, Smith. Wests' halves, Lynch and McGuinness, combined nicely, and McGuinness made several penetrating runs. In the forwards, Smith was outstanding for the way he ran and handled in the open. Homer, of Wests' reserves, was taken to Lewisham Hospital suffering from concussion. **(Truth June 19th 1938)**

Marked superiority in all phases of play gave Western Suburbs a clear-cut victory over Newtown at Henson Park, where there was an attendance of 3000. The forwards of each side staged a keen battle throughout, but the honours were with the winning pack, which by vigorous methods and better co-operation, continually gained possession of the ball. This gave the backs a great advantage, and many bright movements were made. McGuinness, Western Suburbs half-back, varied his tactics well, and gave Lynch, the five-eighth, a good service. Lynch was ever prominent. He accepted passes magnificently whilst moving at top pace, and was a source of danger to the opposition when he unwound strong defensive thrusts. Sharman's strong and well-judged kicking was also a feature. He outgeneralled Smith, the Newtown full-back, whose form was very mediocre. Fifield was a tower of strength in Wests' three-quarter line. His display was reminiscent of the days when he gained international honours. Purcell, the big winger, also gave a good account of himself, running resolutely and tackling well. ...Dour defence was a redeeming feature of Newtown's play. A converted try by Lynch, who ran through to accept a pass after Schuback and Murray had made the opening, and a penalty goal, gave Western Suburbs a lead of seven points to four at half-time. Another penalty goal by Simpson was secured before the service of Schuback was lost. He injured a shoulder and had to retire. Newtown lost a man also. Perkins received a nasty gash over the left eye, and had to leave the field. A splendid movement from the scrum base terminated in Fewtrell scoring a try. Sharman coolly drop-kicked a field goal, after having two attempts. The final score came from a grand rally by the forwards, who indulged in swift hand to hand passes, Smith eventually racing over for the try. **(The Sydney Morning Herald June 20th 1938)**

The halves, McGuinness and Lynch, worked like a machine, and were in a very penetrative mood, and had their opponents bewildered on many occasions..... As was expected Stan Simpson's right foot wore the lucky boot – no less than three goals. Very good first up, Stan. Keep it up..... The Big Bad Wolf is still chasing Wests, Jack Schuback on Saturday received a bruised shoulder and Stan Simpson has fluid on the elbow. **(Rugby League News June 25th 1938)**

Notes: Bill Purcell was back and had a strong game, as did Stan Simpson. This was very dominant display. The forwards, led by Ken Lock winning the scrums convincingly, completely outplayed their opposition pack. The halves changed positions and Cal Lynch benefited, having his best game so far. Sharman was also back in form and kicked yet another field goal. Jack Schuback had to leave with an injured shoulder. The talking point of the match was Cecil Fifield winding back the clock and playing like ten years before, when he played for Australia.