



# 1940 Round 9 Saturday 29th June Cumberland Oval



## Newtown 25

George DEBNAM  
 Athol STEWART  
 Lin McLEAN  
 Tom KIRK  
 Andy GLEESON  
 Tommy NEVIN  
 Merv WHALE  
 Frank MULVILLE  
 Keith PHILLIPS  
 George STONESTREET  
 J WADE  
 Arthur FOLWELL (c)  
 Frank FARRELL

def.

## Western Suburbs 14

Doug ROGERS  
 Harry ALLEN  
 Fred BABER  
 Jack WHITEHURST  
 Bruce BROWN  
 Cal LYNCH  
 Albert McGUINNESS  
 Max GRAY (c)  
 Don GULLIVER  
 George LUCAS  
 Jack SCHUBACK  
 Edward MEWTON  
 Jack PIPER



### Tries

Athol STEWART (2)  
 Tommy NEVIN  
 J WADE  
 Merv WHALE

Don GULLIVER  
 Albert McGUINNESS

### Goals

Tom KIRK (5)

Doug ROGERS (4)

### Match Description

**Newtown:** Full-back: G Debnam; three-quarters: A Stewart, L McLean, T Kirk, A Gleeson; halves: T Nevin, M Whale; forwards: F Mulville, G Stonestreet, K Phillips, J Wade, A Folwell, F Farrell

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Rogers; three-quarters: H Allen, J Whitehurst, F Baber, B Brown; halves: C Lynch, A McGuinness; forwards: M Gray, D Gulliver, G Lucas, J Piper, E Mewton, J Schuback **Referee: J O'Brien (Rugby League News 6th July 1940)**

G. Lucas came into the Western Suburbs side in place of F. McKean, who was unable to obtain leave from work; while P. Williams, the Newtown captain, was still on the injured list, his place being taken by M. Whale. Kirk won the toss, and about 2500 saw McGuinness open the game for Wests. .... Kirk opened the scoring for Newtown with a good penalty goal. Newtown 2, Wests nil. Newtown forwards, with the ball at toe, took play downfield where Western Suburbs was penalised and Kirk kicked a lucky one, the ball striking the side post and bouncing in. Newtown 4, Western Suburbs nil. Rogers raised the hopes of Wests' supporters with an elusive run, but his transfer to McGuinness went astray. Rogers narrowly failed with a penalty to Wests, .... Folwell was giving his backs a feast of the ball and play was frequently in Western Suburbs' territory. Newtown continued to press, but the Western Suburbs backs were tackling grandly, giving the visitors little room to move, Rogers had the better of a kicking duel with his opposing full-back, his raking line-kick sending play deep into Newtown's area. After a long period of mid-field play, Kirk put Newtown on the attack with a nice dash of 30 yards before transferring to McLean, who, after a weaving run, was well grassed by Baber. After a period of scrappy play, Stewart whipped a low pass to Whale, who ran over between the posts. Kirk added the extras. Newtown 9, Western Suburbs nil. A Newtown forward was penalised, and Rogers raised the flags, to register West's first score. Newtown 9. Western Suburbs 2. A brilliant dash by Nevin was responsible for another Newtown try, Nevin running 40 yards to beat man after man before passing to Stewart, who crossed in near the posts, Kirk again added the extras. Newtown 14, Western Suburbs 2. After delays while Folwell was treated for a leg injury, Rogers landed a penalty for Western Suburbs, with the half-time bell ringing. Half-time scores: Newtown 14. Western Suburbs, 4.

Whale put Newtown on the attack soon after the resumption with a dodging run, but when tackled by Rogers, he lost possession and Allen, coming from the clouds, relieved. A tricky run by Whale, again put Newtown on the attack, and his pass to Wade was taken brilliantly, and the big forward showed plenty of speed in beating Rogers to the line. Kirk failed. Newtown 17, Western Suburbs 4. **(The Sun 29th June 1940)**

A poor share of the "pill" in the First Grade played a big part in our defeat by Newtown. This was unexpected, as we have been getting more than a fair share for a number of matches past..... "Podgy" McGuinness again played a rattling game, and it would be hard to remember a match this year that the consistent half has been off his game..... Bruce Brown, the Parramatta local idol, turned on one of his best games this year. There is no doubt about this boy and bigger things must follow his performance... Jack Whitehurst, having suffered a bereavement in the family through the week, had a few sleepless nights. This to some extent put him off his game on Saturday last. Members and supporters of the Club extend their deepest sympathy to Jack and his family; also to Don Murray, whose mother passed away this week..... Fred McKean was unable to take his place in the team on Saturday, being on a full-time job munition-making. He was sorely missed. **(Rugby League News 6th July 1940)**

**Notes:** Wests were very competitive in this match, but losing the scrums by a large amount was a decisive factor in the loss. Doug Rogers won the kicking duels and both of Wests' tries were good efforts. Fred McKean couldn't play because he couldn't get time off from his full-time job at a munitions factory. Bruce Brown showed that he was developing into a top-notch player.