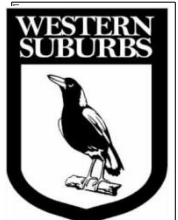




1914 Round 1 Saturday 2nd May Pratten Park



Newtown 15

Arthur BEED
 Charlie RUSSELL
 George BAIN (c)
 Herbert BOLT
 Wally COLLINS
 Roy FARNSWORTH
 William HAYES
 Jim McCUE
 Joe MURRAY
 Paddy McCUE
 Felix RYAN
 Walter HADDOCK
 John BARNETT

def.

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

Western Suburbs 5

Harry CLARK
 Harold BISSETT
 Cecil FOORD
 Henry NAYLOR
 Charlie COLLIER
 James NICHOLSON
 Ray STEWARD
 Westley EASTERBROOK
 William JOASS
 Martin ANDERSEN
 Fred LANE
 Eddie GRIFFITHS
 Edward COURTNEY (c)



Tries John BARNETT
 Wally COLLINS
 Jim McCUE

William JOASS

Goals Charlie RUSSELL (3)

Eddie GRIFFITHS (1)

Match Description

Newtown: - H. H. Hayes, full-back; C J Russell, G Bain, H T Bolt, W Collins, three-quarters; R Farnsworth, W H Hayes, halves; W. Haddock, J. T. Barnett, F. Ryan, B. McCue, J. Murray, J. McCue, forwards.

Western Suburbs:— H. Clarke, full-tack ; H. V. Bissett, H. G. Naylor, C. Foord, C. Collier, three-quarters; J. Nicholson, R. Steward, halves; E. Courtney, E. Griffiths, F Lane, M Anderson, W. Joass, W. Easterbrook, forwards. **Referee, Mr. A. Farrow.**

Bolt started the ball rolling for Newtown. In play, Western Suburbs were penalised for offside play, and Russell made an unsuccessful attempt at goal. From a scrum, Wests being offside again, Russell missed an easy kick. Newtown came with a forward rush, which resulted in a scrum near Wests' 25. Newtown were here penalised, and Foord sent the leather well up the field. From a scrum near centre Leonard secured, passed to Hayes, to Bain, to Farnsworth, to Russell, and back to Bain, who lost on the line. Very soon after Bain picked up from the loose, passed to Collins, who raced on and scored the first points. Russell added the extras with a fine kick. Wests took a hand at attack. Lane picked up and passed to Nicholson, who put in a fine run. Following up, Wests carried play to Newtown's 25, where the Blues were penalised, Griffiths opening the score for the locals by kicking a fine goal. Newtown attacked strongly, Farnsworth, Barnett and Russell showing out prominently. From the loose near Wests' 25 Bissett picked up, raced downfield, passed to Foord, who was dragged down. Western Suburbs were playing fine football, the passing rushes gaining great applause. Western Suburbs were knocking at the door, and in a few minutes Joass picked up from the loose, and beating all opposition, scored between the posts. Easterbrook failed at goal. Newtown again came with a good rush, but the defence of the Black and White was too good.

Soon after resuming the Blues carried the leather well down the field, where, Russell secured, and passed to Barnett, who forced his way over. Russell converted. . Newtown kept up the attack, Hayes securing the ball from the scrum times out of number, and starting some fine passing rushes. Newtown kept play in Wests' territory, and often looked like scoring. Western Suburbs, however, came with a fine forward rush, Courtney carrying the ball at toe well down the field. Farnsworth gave his assistance by smothering in defence. Wests were penalised for offside play, Russell taking the kick. A goal was given by the touch judges, but the referee overruled them and disallowed it. From a mix-up on Western Suburbs' line, J. McCue picked up, and forced his way over with a very easy try. Russell added the extras. Wests now began to play very hard, Courtney, Easterbrook and Foord showing out prominently. A fine passing rush by Wests was started by Nicholson, the ball travelling from Bissett to Naylor, to Collier, back to Bissett,- who was smothered by the burly forwards of the Blues. Towards the end Wests came with some good rushes, Collier being the pick of the bunch but they were of no avail. **(Sunday Times 3rd May 1914)**

Notes: Martin Andersen was spelt in most newspapers and records as Anderson but the 1914 team photo and other Archive records consistently spell his name Andersen. This was the first game for Charlie Collier, an ex-Souths player. Former first graders, George Gagan and Charles Rothwell were both playing Seconds on this day. Bissett, Easterbrook and Courtney had all been playing well in Trial matches .James Nicholson also debuted and played very well..