



# 1914 Round 8 Saturday 11th July RAS Showground



## Newtown 24

Arthur BEED  
 Charlie RUSSELL  
 Herbert BOLT  
 George BAIN  
 Wally COLLINS  
 Peter CRUISE  
 Roy FARNSWORTH  
 Richard TOWNSEND  
 Joe MURRAY  
 Felix RYAN  
 John BARNETT  
 Edward BROOKS  
 Paddy McCUE (c)

## def.

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

## Western Suburbs 8

Harry CLARK  
 David WATSON  
 Harold SLY  
 Henry NAYLOR  
 Charlie COLLIER  
 Henry McILLMURRAY  
 James NICHOLSON  
 Arthur GILLET  
 Martin ANDERSEN  
 Westley EASTERBROOK  
 Fred LANE  
 William JOASS  
 Edward COURTNEY (c)



### Tries

Wally COLLINS (2)  
 Charlie RUSSELL (2)  
 George BAIN  
 Roy FARNSWORTH

Martin ANDERSEN  
 William JOASS

### Goals

Charlie RUSSELL (3)

Henry McILLMURRAY (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, Clark; three-quarters. Watson, Naylor, Sly, Collier; halves, McIllmurray, Nicholson; forwards, Easterbrook, Joass, Anderson, Gillett, Lane, Courtney.

**Newtown:** Full-back, Beed; three-quarters, Russell, Bain, Bolt, Collins; halves. Cruise, R. Farnsworth ; forwards, Barnett, Brooks, Ryan, Murray, P. McCue, Townsend. **Referee: Mr. A. Farrow.**

Newtown's fast-following forwards downed Collier before he could return the kick-off and Western Suburbs were called on to defend. When McIllmurray was held right in front of goal Western Suburbs were in a very tight corner, but the forwards playing solidly cleared the line well. From a scrum Farnsworth set Cruise moving. Bain, Bolt and Collins all handled in turn, but the latter was pulled down. For a brief period, Western Suburbs held. Newtown confined to in-field, then Farnsworth again set his backs moving. After Bain and Bolt had handled it was sent to Collins. Naylor chased him, but failed, Collins punted over Clark's head, and a race followed. The ball however, bounced awkwardly for the defenders, and Collins scored. Russell's attempt at goal was blown back by the wind. Fast play followed the resumption, Wests' forwards, headed by Courtney and Joass, working solidly. Success finally came, Joass scoring a good try. McIllmurray a goal, and Western Suburbs led by 5 to 3. Newtown's back division were having plenty of chances to gain ground, Farnsworth setting them moving again and again. Results were very poor, however, many of the rushes falling to gain more than a few yards. They kept pegging away, and gradually drove Wests back to their 25, where Farnsworth passed to Russell, and he scored with a couple of tacklers running after him, but failed to add the extras. More points came almost immediately. Farnsworth passed out to Bains, and the latter raced towards Russell on the wing, but sighting an opening, he swerved and went straight through, giving Russell an easy task to add the extras. Half-time: Newtown. 11; Western Suburbs, 5.

Following Courtney's kick-off play hovered round half till Bain found touch at Western Suburbs' 25 yard flag. ... Joass was the prime-mover in a dribbling rush, which carried Western Suburbs to Newtown's 25, the ball finally going into touch-in-goal. Dropped out, and Newtown, forced their way to Western Suburbs' 25, where Murray picked up at the edge of a ruck. Near the line he passed to Farnsworth, who scored a try, to which Russell added the extras. The concluding stages of the game were fought out in just the same friendly spirit as the rest of the match had been. Except for rare intervals Western Suburbs were kept on the defensive. Collins and Russell scored tries, and Russell converted one for Newtown, while, after Collier and Naylor had made an opening, Courtney picked up and passed to Anderson, who scored Western-Suburbs' other try. Newtown, 24; Western Suburbs, 8. **(The Sun 11th July 1914)**

"Wests sadly miss Steward, their incapacitated half ..... however, it is a long lane that has no turning, and if grit and determination count we may yet see premier honours going west." **(The Saturday Referee and the Arrow 18th July 1914)**

**Notes:** Harold Sly was rewarded for his solid efforts in Second Grade and made another appearance after having played one game in 1913. James Nicholson also returned from the Seconds. The team was still obviously missing Steward and the half combination that had been built up. The mixing around of players between grades and between positions was apparently unsettling the team