1959 Round 12 Sunday 7th June Henson Park

Western Suburbs 10 def. Newtown 8

Darcy RUSSELL	***Fullback***	Roley YOUNG
Dave BARSLEY	***Wing***	Ray MONEY
Harry WELLS	***Centre***	Terry McGOVERN
Dick POOLE (c)	***Centre***	Graham FROST
Fred GRABER	***Wing***	Kevin CONSIDINE
Darcy HENRY	***Five-eighth***	Tony BROWN
Keith HOLMAN	***Half***	Bobby WHITTON (c)
Frank CLEGG	***Lock***	Don WORKMAN
Jack BOWMAN	***Second Row***	Barry HARRIS
Bill CARSON	***Second Row***	Noel DOLTON
George DOWNIE	***Front Row***	Frank NARVO
Bede GOFF	***Hooker***	Clarrie JEFFREYS
Nev CHARLTON	***Front Row***	Alan CAMERON

Tries	Dave BARSLEY Jack BOWMAN	Graham FROST Kevin CONSIDINE
Go*als*	Darcy RUSSELL (2)	Roley YOUNG (1)

Match Description
Newtown: R Young; three-quarters: K Considine, T McGovern, G Frost, R Money; five-eighth: T Brown; half: B Whitton; forwards: D Workman, B Harris, N Dolton, F Narvo, C Jeffreys, A Cameron
Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: D Barsley, H Wells, R Poole, B Kelly; five-eighth: D Henry; half: K Holman; forwards: K O'Shea, J Bowman, W Carson, G Downie, B Goff, N Charlton **Referee: D Lawler (as per program Rugby League News 6-7th June 1959 + changes Daily Telegraph 8th June 1959)**

Ruby League full-back Roley Young missed a goal from in front of the posts that would have given Newtown a 10-all draw with Western Suburbs at Henson Park yesterday. Western Suburbs won 10-8. Young missed the conversion goal – the ball rebounded from an upright – three minutes before full-time. Newtown left winger Kevin Considine scored the try, after a thrilling passing burst. It was the only score in the second half. The try climaxed a series of "near misses" for both teams. Newtown centre Terry McGovern dropped a pass infield from right winger Ray Money, with the line open, and then Money knocked-on after kicking the ball past Wests; full-back Darcy Russell. Wests' Harry Wells missed a low pass from Darcy Henry. Interest centred on the performances of these Test team candidates: **Half-back Holman (WS):** Had a good solid workout; used the wind well in the first half with strong kicks; made some breaks; tackled well in a keen duel with Whitton. **Five-eighth Brown (N):** Stuck well to Henry; played strongly in attack, and made the opening for Newtown's first try. **Prop Charlton (WS):** Good "tight" game; defence sound. Hooker Bede Goff gave Wests a 9-3 scrum lead in the first half, but Clarrie Jeffreys shaded him in the second half. Centre Dick Poole played his best game of the season for Wests, and his partner Harry Wells worked strongly. Russell joined well in the attacks. **(Sydney Morning Herald 8th June 1959)**

Western Suburbs yesterday luckily defeated Newtown in a Rugby League thriller at Henson Park. West won 10-8 after Newtown full-back Roley Young hit the upright with a kick from between the posts. Young was very upset after the match over missing a kick which he appeared to take too far out from the posts for a rainy day. The 9939 spectators, who clapped the players from the field at the end, saw Newtown five-eighth Tony Brown and Wests' half-back Keith Holman strongly press their Test claims. Brown was the best player in a hard, bruising match, tackling splendidly and frequently cutting through Wests' star-studded backline. Holman was right back to top form, reproducing his old speed in several dazzling bursts from the scrum base and tackling effectively. That great trier Harry Wells turned in his second display of punishing centre play on successive days. Wests owed its narrow escape largely to hooker Bede Goff who starved Newtown of the ball for long spells. .. Newtown has a very good pack now, with young lock Don Workman not far behind his second-row stars Noel Dolton and Barry Harris. Brown set up the first try, eluding West's defence to send in centre Graham Frost. Bowman retaliated for Wests, cleverly "dummying" to winger Dave Barsley to create the gap. Russell effortlessly converted this try from the sideline and added a penalty goal 10 minutes later when Whitton downed Barsley without the ball. .. **(Daily Telegraph 8th June 1959)**

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Notes: *Kel O'Shea had come down with pneumonia and was replaced by Frank Clegg. Ian Moir was also still out and was replaced by the great Dave Barsley who came up from Third Grade to make his debut. Bernie Kelly was also replaced by Fred Graber Roley Young missed a goal from right in front at the end of the match so Wests were lucky to get away with a win. In a close match, Holman was the standout for Wests. He led the team with strong bursts and drove the forwards on a rainy day with a muddy pitch. Darcy Russell also kicked some crucial goals under the difficult conditions.*