1972 Round 10 Sunday 21st May Lidcombe Oval

Western Suburbs 18 def. Newtown 15

Tony FORD	***Fullback***	John FLOYD
Don ROGERS	***Wing***	Lionel WILLIAMSON (c)
Olaf PRATTL	***Centre***	Ron FOGARTY
Wayne MERRY	***Centre***	Ken WILSON
Allan ASHMORE	***Wing***	John BRADSTOCK
John HEYWARD	***Five-eighth***	Des O'CONNOR
Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)	***Half***	John BONHAM
John BAKER	***Lock***	Neil PRINGLE
John ELFORD	***Second Row***	Paul DAWSON
Barry BRYANT	***Second Row***	Gary SULLIVAN
Steve WINTER	***Front Row***	Tony REID
Ken STONESTREET	***Hooker***	Bill COVERDALE
John WALKER	***Front Row***	Tom MELVILLE
Russell MULLINS	***Replacement***	

Tries	Don ROGERS (2) Wayne MERRY Olaf PRATTL	John BRADSTOCK (2) Tony REID
Go*als*	Tony FORD (3)	Ken WILSON (3)

Match Description
Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, O Prattl, W Merry, A Ashmore; five-eighth: J Heyward; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: J Baker, B Bryant, J Elford, J Sheridan, K Stonestreet, J Walker
Newtown: Full-back: J Floyd; three-quarters: L Williamson (c), R Fogarty, K Wilson, J Bradstock; five-eighth: D O'Connor; half: J Bonham; forwards: N Pringle, P Dawson, G Sullivan, T Reid, W Coverdale, T Melville **Referee: B Barnes (as per newspaper reports 22nd May 1972)**

"Nebo Road" made a comeback to the big-time at Lidcombe Oval yesterday, after a spell in the Reserves, "Nebo", Wests' hooker Ken Stonestreet, was beaten by two scrums, (14-12) but his effort enabled Wests to gallop in with an 18-15 win over Newtown. Wests have been starved of the ball in recent weeks, but with "Nebo Road" back in harness, the Magpies had plenty yesterday. And for 60 minutes they took advantage of it to race to an 18-12 lead. But in the last 20 minutes, Newtown kicked again to spot three tries. Wests' coach Don Parish blamed Saturday's representative games for his side's lapse. Newtown bombed two tries in the first half and then never looked like winning. Second-rower Paul Dawson was Newton's best player in the first half, but he received several hard knocks and finished with a bruised ankle. Wests' best were Don Rogers, Tom Raudonikis, Barry Bryant and John Elford. **(The Sun 22nd May 1972)**

Western Suburbs remained a threat to the Rugby League top four with an 18-15 win over Newtown at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. The win, the fifth straight for Wests this season, was a lot more comfortable than the score suggested. Playing without solid centre Stephen Knight and City Firsts representative front-rower John O'Bryan, Wests held an 18-2 advantage until the final 10 minutes. With the two competition points apparently secure, Wests relaxed sufficiently to allow Newtown in for three quick tries. Star of the match was full-back Tony Ford. Ford was always dangerous in attack, joining in many backline movements, was rock-like in defence, and landed three goals from four attempts. Half-back Tom Raudonikis, shrugging off a knee injury, figured in all four Wests' tries setting up the opening try by Prattl and sending winger Don Rogers over for his second try. Newtown missed hard-working lock Neil Pringle, replaced for the game by Trevor Newman, and finished with injuries to centre Ron Fogarty, hooker Bill Coverdale and second-rower Paul Dawson. **(Daily Telegraph 22nd May 1972)**

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Notes: *The key to this match was the return to First Grade of Ken "Nebo" Stonestreet. Jim Croucher had been playing well but had struggled to win scrums. The extra supply of ball enabled Wests to take control and lead 18-2 after 60 minutes. Stephen Knight and John O'Bryan didn't back up from the Saturday rep games but Tom Raudonikis and John Elford did, and both played great games, although tiring in the last 20 minutes when Newtown staged a comeback. Olaf Prattl took Knight's place in the centres and played well.*