



# 1925 Round 12 Saturday 1st August Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 27

def.

## Balmain 15

Gordon DAISLEY  
 Cyril BELLAMY  
 Neil MATTERSON  
 Cecil FIFIELD  
 Gordon STETTLER  
 Frank McCAULEY  
 Eric DOIG  
 Edward COURTNEY Jnr  
 Frank MATTERSON  
 Edward STAPLETON (c)  
 Bill CARPENTER  
 Bob LINDFIELD  
 Jack DREW

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

Frank McMILLAN  
 Jack ROBINSON  
 Jimmy LOVE  
 Dud MILLARD  
 Jack CUNEEN  
 Norm ROBINSON  
 T SLATTERY  
 Reginald LATTA (c)  
 Ray ELLIOTT  
 A LATTA  
 Les HAYES  
 Fred FERGUSON  
 Alf FRASER  
 C BELL

### Tries

Cyril BELLAMY  
 Bill CARPENTER  
 Neil MATTERSON  
 Edward COURTNEY Jnr  
 Gordon STETTLER

Reginald LATTA  
 Jimmy LOVE  
 Jack ROBINSON

### Goals

Gordon STETTLER (6)

Frank McMILLAN (3)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, G Daisley; three-quarters, C Bellamy, N Matterson, C Fifield, G Stettler; five-eighth, F McCauley; half-back, E Doig; forwards, F Matterson, E Stapleton, E Courtney, W Carpenter, R Lindfield, J Drew

**Balmain:** Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, J Robinson, D Millard, J Love, J Cunneen; five-eighth, T Slattery; half-back, V Robinson; forwards, L Hayes, F Ferguson, A Fraser, R Elliott, H Latta, R Latta **Referee: J Murray**

Western Suburbs had all the best of the first half, in which they had the breeze. It was a good performance to score 15 to nil against Balmain. The forwards were well matched, but the Western backs were superior. Daisley used the wind with judgement, and often found McMillan out of position. Doig let the ball go smartly and Stettler, who scored nine of the 15 points in this half, was the most dangerous back in the game. In the second half Balmain came with a rattle and quickly had 10 points on the board. At this stage they appeared to have a winning chance. Wests, however, pulled themselves together and scored 12 points to Balmain's 15 in this half. Wests lasted out the game better, and at the finish Balmain were a very tired side. Stettler, who scored 15 points, a try and six goals, was the outstanding player. He was always dangerous and kicked goals from all angles. Daisley quite overshadowed McMillan and gave a splendid exhibition. The other backs all played up to form. The forwards were a good, even lot, and Lindfield gave his side a good share of the ball. N Robinson and Millard were Balmain's best backs, and R Latta played his usual sound game in the forwards. **(Sunday Times 2nd August 1925)**

G Stettler, the Western Suburbs' wing three-quarter, took a big jump in the list of individual scorers when he notched fifteen points against Balmain last round.... Stettler, on his day, is a great player, and some of his goals were piloted from difficult angles. In attack and defence, he also played a great game, and was always in the picture. It is seldom that a player shows such fine form these days. Stettler is extremely popular with followers of Western Suburbs. **(Rugby League News 8th August 1925)**

On paper, Balmain, with their great bunch of rep. players, looked certain to win, but the pace and handling of Wests backs were too much for them..... Those who reckoned that McMillan was badly treated in not being selected for NSW teams, received a shock when Daisley showed up better than the champion of other days. **(The Sydney Sportsman 4th August 1925)**

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**Notes:** Wests continued their winning streak with an excellent display. Bellamy continued his try-getting (6 in 3 games) and Gordon Stettler had an outstanding game, his 15 points taking him up the point-scoring table. Frank McCauley came into five-eighth for Jerry Brien and played well. Two features worth noting are that Bob Lindfield continued to win a big share of ball at hooker and was the form hooker of the competition and also that most accounts had Gordon Daisley completely outplaying McMillan at full-back.