



# 1924 Round 6 Saturday 5th July Pratten Park



## Balmain 22

def.

## Western Suburbs 10

Billy CRAIG  
 Jack ROBINSON  
 Paddy CONAGHAN  
 Jimmy LOVE  
 Tommy KENNEDY  
 Charles FRASER (c)  
 George ROBINSON  
 Reginald LATTA  
 Alf FRASER  
 Roy LISTON  
 Les HAYES  
 Horrace WATT  
 Bill SCHULTZ

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

Frank McMILLAN  
 Neil MATTERSON  
 Joe MANSTED  
 Frank McCAULEY  
 Wally COLLINS  
 Fred ELLIOTT  
 Eric DOIG  
 Jack DREW  
 Frank MATTERSON  
 Edward COURTNEY Jnr  
 Edward COURTNEY  
 Clarrie PRENTICE (c)  
 Edward STAPLETON  
 Fred YANZ



**Tries** Tommy KENNEDY (3)  
 Paddy CONAGHAN  
 George ROBINSON  
 Jack ROBINSON

Edward COURTNEY Jnr  
 Fred YANZ

**Goals** Roy LISTON (2)

Eric DOIG (2)

### Match Description

**Balmain:** W Craig, full-back; J Love, P Conaghan, J Robinson, T Kennedy, three-quarters; C Fraser and G Robinson, halves; W Schultz, H watt, L Hayes, A Fraser, R Liston, R Latta, forwards

**Western Suburbs:** F McMillan, full-back; W Collins, F McCauley, J Mansted, N Matterson, three-quarters; F Elliott and E Doig, halves; E Courtney, C Prentice, J Drew, E Courtney jun, F Matterson, E Stapleton, forwards **Referee: W Neill**

Although Balmain won by a substantial margin the game was not at all one-sided. It was fast and interesting, and at one period in the second half, when Balmain were only two points in front, West looked to have an excellent chance. The Balmain forwards early showed their superiority in the scrum, and Watt kept up his reputation by giving his backs the greater share of the ball. C Fraser, at five-eighth, varied his play by short-punting and grubber kicks, and the result was that he seemed to disorganise West's defence. ....

Wests started the second term with plenty of dash, but Balmain again scored first, Kennedy falling on the ball after following a kick by C Fraser, who had beaten a couple of tacklers and then kicked. West rallied, and the game became very fast and exciting for a period of about 10 minutes. Eventually Mansted broke through, and sent it to McCauley, on to E Courtney, and sent it to McCauley, on to E Courtney Jun, who finished with a try near the goal. Doig converted, and with only two points separating them both sides fought strenuously, and the spectators were worked up to an exciting pitch. Wests attacked, Mansted following his kick and tackling Craig; but the Balmain forwards gradually forced them back. Then C Fraser broke away, passed to Love, who centred the ball, and Conaghan gathering it, scored a neat try. Liston converted with a good kick, and Balmain had a lead of seven points. Balmain were soon over again. Latta, after a great run, giving Kennedy a clear field to score his third try. Liston again converted, and in less than 10 minutes Balmain had increased their lead by a further 10 points. West fought strenuously to the end, but the Balmain defence was too solid. .... McMillan was not up to his usual form in catching, but otherwise shaped well, and Matterson was the best of the other backs. The forwards were beaten in the ruck and scrum, but in the open were equal to their opponents. **(Sunday Times 6th July 1924)**

..... Frank McCauley, brother to Tom of sprinting fame, is a smart mover. He came from the rear, and pulled "Junker" Robinson down when a try seemed a certainty. Mac is a raw footballer as yet, but his showing on Saturday was a pleasing improvement on his first appearance. .... what a remarkable footballer is veteran Tedda Courtney! He is an object lesson to those young bloods who make a specialty of stoush. :Evergreen: revels in the hard going, but his work is always blameless. .... **(The Sydney Sportsman 8th July 1924)**

**Notes:** Clarrie Prentice was back hooking for Wests and they were right in the match until late tries by Balmain. Neil Matterson was noted as the best of the backs and Joe Mansted was given a wrap for his toughness. The potential of Frank Matterson was also hinted at with Tedda Courtney getting a big compliment for the way he played the game. This was after an apparently rugged Seconds match where Cyril Bellamy went toe to toe in a fight in front of the grandstand until both players were sent off. This was after Cyril had scored three tries and Wests had an upset win which saw them go to second on the Reserve Grade table. Cyril had a big day out!! The effort of Jerry Brien in Seconds also didn't go unnoticed, with a recommendation he should replace Fred Elliott in the halves. Father and son Courtney finally got to play a full game together,