



1917 Round 10 Saturday 30th June Sydney Cricket Ground



Balmain 22

Lyll WALL
 Jim CRAIG
 Jack ROBINSON
 Paddy CONAGHAN
 R PROUST
 Charles FRASER
 Arthur HALLOWAY (c)
 Robert CRAIG
 Reginald LATTA
 Bill SCHULTZ
 Alf FRASER
 Horace WATT
 R MILLER

def.

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

Western Suburbs 5

Athol WHITE
 Tom McCAULEY
 Clarrie PRENTICE
 Herb GILBERT (c)
 Dick VEST
 Alex McPHERSON
 Alf BOSSI
 Harold LEDDY
 Frank HOLT
 Roy BOSSI
 Jack REDMOND
 Edward COURTNEY
 William JOASS
 George GAGAN
 Hector LEE



Tries

Jim CRAIG
 Charles FRASER
 R MILLER
 Horace WATT

Herb GILBERT

Goals

Charles FRASER (4)
 R MILLER (1)

Alex McPHERSON (1)

Match Description

Balmain: L Wall, full-back; R Proust, W P Conaghan, J Craig, J Robinson, three-quarters; C Fraser, five-eighth; A Halloway (capt), half-back; W Schultz, A Fraser, R Latta, R Miller, H Watts, R Craig, forwards

Western Suburbs: A White, full-back; T Boland, H Gilbert (capt), C W Prentice, R Vest, three-quarters; A McPherson, five-eighth; A Bossi, half-back; R Bossi, E Courtney, F Holt, W Joass, J Redmond, H J Leddy, forwards **T McMahan (referee)**

Balmain kicked off from the Randwick end, and the Suburbanites made several spirited attacks. In one great rush Boland, on the wing, secured, and displaying great pace, looked like crossing, when he put his foot into touch a few yards from the line.....By an excellent kick Gilbert gained 50 yards, but the Black and Gold, by strong forward play, transferred to W.S. territory, where, from the wing, Miller kicked a good penalty goal. Shortly afterwards Boland retired, and was replaced by Gagan; and later on, H Lee replaced R Bossi. After close play in Wests' 25, C Fraser sent a long pass to J Craig, who, finding the defenders out of place, crossed near the posts. Miller's kick hit the post and dropped in-field.... The premiers, by good passing, carried play to W.S. territory, where the ball was kicked over the line and Miller fell on it. The Suburbanites now attacked strongly, and from a passing effort by the backs Gilbert, who had backed up well, secured on the wing, and after evading four defenders, crossed near the corner. McPherson by a good effort, converted. Balmain 8 to 5.

Soon after the interval ... the Black and Gold quickly assumed the aggressive again, and after close play near W.S.'s line C Fraser broke through, passed to Watts, who scored behind the posts. C Fraser converted. A little later C Fraser kicked an easy penalty. The Suburbanites were not now displaying the same vigour as in the opening spell. After a passing effort by Balmain's backs, Robinson in-passed to C Fraser, who scored between the posts and then kicked the goal... A penalty was awarded Balmain on the intervention of the touch-judge, and Fraser kicked a good goal from midway, between the 25 and centre..... Towards the close the premiers attacked, but failed to penetrate the defence. White, full-back for W.S., is deserving of mention for his great and consistent play throughout. Balmain 22 to 5. **(The Sunday Times 1st July 1917)**

One could not help smiling at the enthusiasm of the fans of the West. There they were, ready to let it flow in huge waves the moment the men of their hearts became their true selves. Unfortunately, Western Suburbs' forwards, as a combination, had not a kick in them. However, I am prepared to predict that when the day arrives, as it surely will, for Western Suburbs to be the top team in the League, that day you will see the most hilarious enthusiasts, match after match, barracking for them. Western Suburbs ought to again start their winning campaign, so rudely checked by Newtown and Balmain. **(Arrow 7th July 1917)**

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Notes: Pat Carroll was originally listed on the wing but Tom McCauley took his place. He succumbed again to the injury he had been carrying and was replaced by George Gagan. Roy Bossi, Alf's brother was playing his only First Grade game for Wests but was injured and replaced by Hector Lee. Wests gave away a lot of penalties in this game and were again outplayed in the forwards although Tedda Courtney was noted again for his tenacity in two of the newspaper reports. It was good to see that the Wests' supporters were already vocal and dedicated.