



1960 Round 12 Sunday 26th June Sports Ground



Balmain 13

def.

Western Suburbs 10

Bobby BARRETT
 Ron MACK
 Billy BISCHOFF
 Bob HENSBY
 Bobby MARA
 Alan MASON
 Laurie FAGAN
 Kevin SMYTH
 Brian HENDERSON
 Bob BOLAND
 Bill MARSH (c)
 Dick WILSON
 Gordon GOLDSMITH

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

Darcy RUSSELL
 Dave BARSLEY
 Joe RYAN
 Dick POOLE (c)
 Bernie KELLY
 Arthur SUMMONS
 Keith HOLMAN
 Max CARTER
 Kevin COCKS
 Bill CARSON
 Denis MEANEY
 Bede GOFF
 George DOWNIE



Tries Bob MARA (2)
 Gordon GOLDSMITH

Dave BARSLEY
 Dick POOLE

Goals Bob BARRETT (2)

Darcy RUSSELL (2)

Match Description

Balmain: Full-back: B Barrett; three-quarters: R Mack, B Bischoff, B Hensby, R Mara; five-eighth: A Mason; half: L Fagan; forwards: K Smyth, B Henderson, B Bolan, W Marsh, R Wilson, G Goldsmith

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: D Barsley, J Ryan, R Poole, P Dimond; five-eighth: A Summons; half: K Holman; forwards: M Carter, W Carson, K Cocks, D Meaney, B Goff, G Downie **Referee: C Pearce (as per program Rugby League News 25-26th June 1960 + changes Sydney Morning Herald 27th June 1960)**

A battered Balmain Rugby League team survived to gain a 13-10 victory over Western Suburbs at the Sports Ground yesterday. Each team finished with 12 men and several of them so knocked about that they were "passengers." The win earned Balmain the match of the day against Canterbury at the SCG on Saturday. The two players forced to leave the field were Western Suburbs hooker Bede Goff, and Balmain prop Bill Marsh. Goff was laid out by a vicious punch 10 minutes from the end of play. He was still unconscious 20 minutes later and was taken to hospital for observation. Goff did not full regain consciousness for nearly an hour. His first question to his anxious teammates was: "What did he hit me with?" A touch judge reported Balmain second-row forward Brian Henderson for the incident. Players said after the match that both Goff and Henderson were cautioned by referee Col Pearce. "When Goff received his caution he was beyond caring," one player added. ... Goff's "injury" climaxed a most unfortunate week for him. He was selected in the State team last Sunday night but had to withdraw because of an injured knee. ... The Wests team also had their casualties during the match. The most serious, of course, was Goff, but there were injuries to second-row Kevin Cocks (injured ankle) and lock Max Carter (split earlobe). Balmain's stubbornness and their ability to capitalise on Wests' mistakes earned them the win. Two of Balmain's tries came from Wests' handling errors – the first by Wests' centre Joe Ryan and the second by prop-forward George Downie. Balmain's first try came after nine minutes of play when Mara, with bewildering sidesteps, props and changes of direction, made the Wests' defence look second-rate to score wide out. Only four minutes later Rayan mishandled after Wests had won a scrum near their own line. The ball was scooped out to Mara, who went over for his second try. Wests' Captain Dick Poole struggled out of a half-hearted tackle by full-back Bobby Barrett to score five minutes from the end of the first half. Another handling error by Wests and Balmain were in again when prop Gordon Goldsmith raced from 25 yards out to score just on half-time. Wests' full-back Darcy Russell brought his tally of points for the season to 99, with two goals. **(Sydney Morning Herald 27th June 1960)**

Balmain Rugby League team yesterday clinched next Saturday's match-of-the-day when it won a rugged game against Western Suburbs. Balmain defeated Wests 13-10 at the Sports Ground..... Balmain deserved yesterday's win, but Wests made it work hard. Wests, after a poor first half, made a determined bid to peg back Balmain in the second half. Wests were able to reduce Balmain's half-time lead of 13-5 to 13-10, but it could not get the winning points. Front-rower Bill Marsh, who left the field with torn rib ligaments a few minutes before the end, led the Balmain forwards. Marsh, second-rower Brian Henderson and lock Kevin Smyth were the stars in a battling Balmain pack. Best of the Wests' players were full-back Darcy Russell, half-back Keith Holman, second-row Bill Carson and winger Dave Barsley. But lack of cohesive teamwork again went against West. West hooker Bede Goff had a two-to-one advantage in the scrums until a punch knocked him out ten minutes from the end. ... Wests' winger Dave Barsley scored the only try of the second-half after Arthur Summons had made a brilliant run to break clear. **(Daily Telegraph 27th June 1960)**

Notes: A crucial moment in the match was when Bede Goff was knocked out with 10 minutes to go. Kevin Cocks (ex-Parramatta) and Max Carter, both making debuts, sustained injuries as well. In a rugged match, Wests weren't able to peg back Balmain from an early 8-0 deficit.