



# 1955 Round 14 Sunday 24th July Leichhardt Oval



## Balmain 23

Keith BARNES  
George FIFIELD  
Jack FIFIELD  
Terry McGOVERN  
Les GELFIUS  
Ron DALEY  
Brian STAUNTON  
Ron BATTYE  
Neville WATT  
Bill MARSH (c)  
Jack MOON  
Don SINCLAIR  
Kevin HUMPHREYS

def.

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

## Western Suburbs 10

John BREST  
Kevin THOMPSON  
Jack FITZGERALD  
John THOMPSON  
Bill BAILEY  
Bill BROWN  
Noel TREVENA  
Nev CHARLTON (c)  
Bill CARSON  
Bill OWENS  
John HARRISON  
Bede GOFF  
Ron WATSON



### Tries

George FIFIELD  
Brian STAUNTON  
Ron DALEY  
Bill MARSH  
Les GELFIUS

Bill CARSON  
John THOMPSON

### Goals

Keith BARNES (3)  
George FIFIELD (1)

John BREST (1)  
Noel TREVENA (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Brest; three-quarters: K Thompson, J Thompson, J Fitzgerald, W Bailey; five-eighth: W Brown; half: N Trevena; forwards: N Charlton, W Carson, W Owens, J Harrison, B Goff, R Watson

**Balmain:** Full-back: K Barnes; three-quarters: G Fifiel, J Fifiel, T McGovern, G Hawkey; five-eighth: R Daley; half: B Staunton; forwards: R Battye, W Marsh (c), N Watt, K Humphreys, D Sinclair, J Moon **Referee: A Shiner (as per program + newspaper team replacements Rugby League News 24th July 1955)**

More effective work by its back division gave Balmain a comfortable 23-10 win over Western Suburbs yesterday in the Rugby League game at Leichhardt Oval. Balmain took control of the game in the first 10 minutes of play. It was no fault of the hooker, B Goff, that Wests did so badly. Goff completely dominated the scrums. Holman was unable to take the field for Wests and without his leadership and dash Wests was not a team. Trevena, who substituted for Holman, tried hard but lacked Holman's drive. **(Sydney Morning Herald 25th July 1955)**

Ron Watson has been plugging away consistently in the front row with Wests this year and has had quite a good season. Out Concord way he is the idol of the local kids who follow Wests **(Rugby League News 9th July 1955)**

Roy Liston is fit and well again after his short spell in hospital. The Wests' timekeeper says he is 100 per cent again and wishes to thank well-wishers who inquired after his health while he was out of action. **(Rugby League News 30th July 1955)**

Keith Holman lived up to the highest traditions of Test football when he battled through to the end of last Saturday's match with two broken ribs. Keith was injured five minutes after the start and it could be seen he was in pain when leaving the field at half-time. At the interval Holman had the ribs strapped by League medical officer Dr Len Greenberg but found the pain worse so had the strapping removed. He said afterwards he was in considerable pain and had difficulty in breathing throughout the second half. After the game he could hardly speak and his face was distorted from the pain. He said he did not want to let the side down by leaving them short in the second half and went out hoping he could get in some Frenchman's way. Holman successfully managed to get in their way – some of his fierce diving tackles were the equal of any in the match. After these he had difficulty in regaining his feet but always he kept going. Then when Australia was rallying late in the game he played a prominent role in the attack. Holman said this week that he appreciated what team-mates and particularly Clive Churchill did to cover his injury. His main regret now is that he cannot play with Wests for a few weeks although he hopes to be back for the last round of club games, if not before. **(Rugby League News 30th July 1955)**

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**Notes:** The courage of Keith Holman had been on display the previous day when he played a Test against the French with broken ribs. It meant he was out for this match, replaced by Noel Trevena, who battled well but the loss of leadership was pretty obvious. Bede Goff completely dominated the scrums but the re-shuffled backline struggled yet again, in attack and defence. Ron Watson, despite an injury-plagued year, continued to play well every time he was fit for a match.