



# 1935 Round 15 Saturday 10th August Sports Ground



## Western Suburbs 24

def.

## Balmain 19

Jim SHARMAN  
 Vince SHEEHAN  
 Cliff PEARCE (c)  
 Alan BRADY  
 Alan RIDLEY  
 Stan TANCRED  
 Les MEAD  
 Bill McLEOD  
 Max GRAY  
 Athol SMITH  
 Alan BLAKE  
 Henry HANNAN  
 Vince CLEARY

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

Ernie LATTA  
 Sid GOODWIN  
 Jack REDMAN  
 Herbert WOODBRY  
 Gus REEVES  
 Joe BUSCH (c)  
 Syd CHRISTENSEN  
 Bill BALLARD  
 Edmund BEAVER  
 Norm COX  
 Frank GRIFFITHS  
 Bill ALEXANDER  
 Bill JOHNSON

### Tries

Alan RIDLEY (3)  
 Vince SHEEHAN (2)  
 Alan BRADY

Joe BUSCH (2)  
 Syd CHRISTENSEN  
 Sid GOODWIN  
 Jack REDMAN

### Goals

Les MEAD (3)

Syd CHRISTENSEN (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: A Ridley, A Brady, C Pearce (capt), V Sheehan; halves: S Tancred, L Mead; forwards: A Smith, M Gray, W McLeod, A Blake, H Hannan, V Cleary

**Balmain:** Full-back: E Latta; three-quarters: S Goodwin, G Reeves, J Redman, H Woodbry; halves: J Busch (capt), S Christensen; forwards: W Johnson, W Alexander, F Griffiths, E Beaver, W Ballard, N Cox **Referee: L Deane (Rugby League News 17th August 1935)**

..... McLeod came into the Western Suburbs team as lock and Smith took Eaton's position in the second row. Woodbry, who was promoted to the Balmain team, played on the wing and Reeves moved into the centre. In an open game the western backs had most to do with their team's victory displaying much more combined penetrative ability than Balmain. .... With the western backs in such good form, it was unfortunate for Balmain that the full back E Latta, who had given a promising display at his first appearance a fortnight previously, should have had an off day. He began well enough but seemed to lose confidence after failing to stop Ridley, when the big winger, in a determined run, scored the first of his three tries in the second half. Latta's hesitation in fielding a short kick gave Western Suburbs a try for when he allowed the ball to bounce Sheehan, following on fast, snatched it almost from his hands and scored. Ridley's second try also came after Latta had fumbled near the Balmain line. Western Suburbs opened the scoring after ten minutes play when Pearce figured in a strong run and made an opening for Sheehan and Brady, who took the final pass, was able to improve his position, and give Mead an easy conversion. From a scrum the Balmain five eighth Christensen cut across field and after sending to Reeves got the ball back from that player and scored in the corner. .... Busch cut through in fine style and scored. Christensen goaled and Balmain led by eight points to five but then came Ridley s first try after several others had handled and Mead's splendid goal gave Western Suburbs a two point lead which was retained to the interval.

The opening score of the second half was Sheehan's try when he followed through and deprived Latta of possession. Then Ridley kicked past the full back who had failed to gather and beat Goodwin in the race across the line. Christensen kicked a penalty goal for Balmain and a little later Mead was also successful with a penalty kick. West had a commanding lead of 21 points to 10 after Ridley had easily scored his third try completing a combined rush by the backs. Then Busch made a try for Redman but West retaliated when Sheehan scored again after Blake had tackled Latta. In the few remaining minutes of play Balmain had the better of the play but the rally came too late. Busch scored the best try of the day when he raced across to Woodbry's wing, feinted to pass to that player and sped over the line in a flash. Goodwin scored as the final bell rang, the try being made possible by Christensen who shone in a fine run from his own territory. ... Pearce played his best game since his return to the team and Brady gave a dashing display both in defence and attack. .... **(The Sydney Morning Herald 12th August 1935)**

In his exchanges with State rep. Laurie Ward, Jimmy Sharman quite held his own last Saturday. It was easily the best game James has played for the "Magpies", and should give him the requisite confidence to continue in the same strain during the absence of Frank McMillan **(Rugby League News 10th August 1935)**

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**Notes:** This was a good win for Wests, with Balmain being second on the table. Alan Blake was back in the forwards and Henry Hannan made his debut to play his first of two games in Firsts although he played a lot of Second Grade. It was a good, fast game where Alan Ridley stormed back into form, scoring three typically barging tries. Jimmy Sharman played very strongly at the back, deputising for Frank McMillan.