



# 1959 Round 15 Saturday 27th June Cricket Ground



## Western Suburbs 21

def.

## Balmain 12

Darcy RUSSELL (c)  
 John MOWBRAY  
 Joe RYAN  
 Dick POOLE (c)  
 Peter DIMOND  
 Darcy HENRY  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Kel O'SHEA  
 Bill CARSON  
 Jack BOWMAN  
 Mark PATCH  
 Bede GOFF  
 Nev CHARLTON

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

Alan MASON  
 Ron MACK  
 Graham JONES  
 Billy BISCHOFF  
 Bobby MARA  
 Doug WALTON  
 Ron CLIFFORD (c)  
 Kevin SMYTH  
 Jack SINCLAIR  
 Neville WATT  
 Harry RAVEN  
 John JONES  
 Billy MARSH

### Tries

Darcy HENRY (2)  
 Peter DIMOND  
 Nev CHARLTON  
 Joe RYAN

Ron MACK  
 Bob MARA  
 Doug WALTON  
 Neville WATT

### Goals

Darcy RUSSELL (3)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: J Mowbray, J Ryan, R Poole (c), P Dimond; five-eighth: D Henry; half: K Holman; forwards: K O'Shea, W Carson, J Bowman, M Patch, B Goff, N Charlton

**Balmain:** Full-back: A Mason; three-quarters: R Mack, G Jones, W Bischoff, R Mara; five-eighth: D Walton; half: R Clifford (c); forwards: K Smyth, J Sinclair, N Watt, W Marsh, J Jones, H Raven **Referee: C Pearce (The Sun 27th June 1959)**

A converted try six minutes from full-time sealed a 21-12 win for Western Suburbs over Balmain at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday. Before the try, Wests were clinging desperately to a four-point lead – 16-12 – with Balmain throwing everything into a final bid to snatch a win. Then half Keith Holman made a break from the scrum base. He sent a long pass to centre Dick Poole who called winger Peter Dimond inside him and sent him away unopposed to the line. This try, which full-back Russell converted, put the match well beyond doubt. The big factor in Balmain's loss was the lack of a competent goal-kicker in the side. The kickers, captain Ron Clifford and second-row forward Neville Watt missed with six reasonably simple chances – Clifford failed with two and Watt with four. Although Wests won, the team did not give a convincing performance. There was a lot of loose and disjointed play and far too many movements were stopped by bad handling. Then there was the sight of big Kel O'Shea breaking from a ruck only to go down when he carried the ball a yard too far. One of the highlights of the match was the non-stop display by Wests' prop Nev Charlton. Charlton was in the "thick" of the heavy work; his tackling stopped many Balmain movements. In the tense second half, Charlton made many fine relieving runs when Wests were sorely pressed near their own line. One of the features of Charlton's play yesterday was his intelligent distribution of the ball as he was about to be tackled. Charlton's efforts were rewarded when he ran 15 yards in the second half to score a try which put Wests ahead 25-9. Balmain, playing their first match on the SCG this season, showed patches of delightful teamwork, particularly in the movements which resulted in five-eighth Doug Walton and second-row forward Watt scoring. Both tries were "gems" and in each case half a dozen players handled before the try was scored. In the Walton try, the movement started near the Balmain line and right-winger Mack, hooker John Jones and Mason handled before Walton received the ball. Walton, in a 40-yard run to the line, changed direction three times in order to evade desperate diving tackles by Wests' players. Wests' five-eighth Darcy Henry gave a bright display in attack. He backed up intelligently on two occasions for tries – the second one scored after he outpaced the Balmain defence in a 65-yard run to the line. Billy Marsh, Balmain's front-row stalwart, produced another of his excellent games in which he was continuously trying to get his team moving. **(Sun-Herald 28th June 1959)**

....Wests' stalwarts prop-forward Nev Charlton, half-back Keith Holman and full-back Darcy Russell all enhanced their Kangaroo tour selection. Charlton excelled in the rucks. He scored a deserved try in the second-half with three Balmain forwards clinging to him. Holman may lack his former pace, but he compensates for this with his guile. Wests' hooker Bede Goff's 23-14 dominance of the scrums kept Balmain continually chasing the ball in a match admirably controlled by referee Col Pearce..... **(Sunday Telegraph 28th June 1959)**

**Notes:** Mark Patch returned for this match and John Mowbray returned, substituting for Bernie Kelly. Wests sealed this match with a Peter Dimond try six minutes from the finish in a closely fought game. Nev Charlton was the standout forward yet again and Darcy Henry was sharp at five-eighth. Balmain's very poor goal-kicking was a major factor in Wests keeping their noses in front throughout the game.