



1933 Round 2 Saturday 29th April Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 19

drew with

Balmain 19

Frank McMILLAN
 Alan BRADY
 Stan TANCRED
 Cliff PEARCE (c)
 Alan RIDLEY
 Jack McGLINN
 Les MEAD
 Frank MATTERSON
 Frank SPONBERG
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Bill BROGAN
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Cecil RHODES

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

Arthur TOBY
 J O'DOWD
 Charlie RICHARDS
 Jim DUCKWORTH
 Les SMALL
 Norm ROBINSON
 George FRANKLAND (c)
 D SIMPSON
 Mal FALLON
 Stan SIMPSON
 Edmund BEAVER
 Les TRUSSLER
 Bill WILLIAMS

Tries

Jack McGLINN
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Alan BRADY

Jim DUCKWORTH
 D SIMPSON
 Stan SIMPSON

Goals

Frank McMILLAN (5)

Jim DUCKWORTH (4)
 Mal FALLON (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: F McMillan; three-quarters: A Ridley, C Pearce (capt), S Tancred, A Brady; halves: J McGlinn, L Mead; forwards: F Matterson, C Cornwell, F Sponberg, C Rhodes, R Lindfield, W Brogan
Balmain: Full-back: A Toby; three-quarters: L Small, J Duckworth, C Richards, J O'Dowd; halves: N Robinson, G Frankland (capt); forwards: D Simpson, N Fallon, S Simpson, E Beaver, L Trusler, W Williams **Referee: C McGrath (Rugby League News 12th May 1933)**

Cliff Pearce, captain of Western Suburbs, made his first appearance in a premiership match this afternoon against Balmain. Hey was unavailable, and McGlinn, who played five-eighth last year, was included in Wests team. Shepherd and Cameron, who played centre last Tuesday, were both omitted for Pearce and Tancred. Wests won the toss. A few minutes after the kick-off Duckworth kicked a penalty goal for Balmain. Balmain 2, Wests nil. Balmain was penalised and McMillan failed with a good attempt at a goal from ten yards inside half-way and on the wing. A penalty in front to Wests and McMillan evened the scores with a goal. Balmain 2, Wests 2. Toby ran nicely and passed to Duckworth, who was downed. The ball was taken back to half-way where McGlinn picked up and raced across the line to score. Western Suburbs 7, Balmain 2.Ridley then burst through on the wing, bumped a few opponents off, and passed to Cornwell, who scored. McMillan converted. Western Suburbs 12, Balmain 2. A moment later, McMillan kicked a good goal from a penalty. Wests 14, Balmain 2. Balmain rushed the ball to Wests' line, where a five-yard scrum was ordered. Brogan and Simpson were cautioned by the referee. Balmain attacked strongly and received a penalty in front of Wests' goal. Duckworth was successful with the kick. Western Suburbs 14, Balmain 4. ...Just on half-time Brady scored a brilliant try for Western Suburbs after he had received the ball from Tancred. McMillan failed to convert. Western Suburbs 17, Balmain 4. Half-time scores:—Western Suburbs 17 Balmain 4.

Within a few minutes of the resumption the ambulance man was kept busy attending O'Dowd, of Balmain, who collided with Toby, and Ridley, who was forced to receive attention for a few minutes off the field of play. Balmain were rewarded when Simpson received a reverse pass from Richards, and scored. Duckworth converted. Western Suburbs 17, Balmain 9. Ridley resumed, suffering from a strained sinew in his right ankle. McGlinn's punt was knocked down 10 yards from the line, and Duckworth grounded the ball to score a try, which Fallon converted. Western Suburbs 17, Balmain 14. Ridley now left the field limping. From a scrum the ball travelled along Wests' line to Tancred, but he was well tackled by Toby. Simpson picked up in front of Wests' goals and raced across to score. Duckworth converted. Balmain 19, Wests 17. Fifteen minutes now remained. Balmain was penalised and McMillan evened the scores by kicking a beautiful goal from 10 yards inside half-way and on the wing. Balmain 19, Wests 19. The crowd was now wildly excited.The game moved to the other wing. A penalty was given to Balmain midway between the 25 and half-way line. Fallon failed at goal. Five minutes now remained. Balmain was again attacking hotly. A penalty on the 25 line saved the position for Wests. Full-time scores – Western Suburbs 19, Balmain 19 (**The Sun 29th April 1933**)

Notes: Played on a mud-heap in the centre of the ground, this turned into an exciting game in the last fifteen minutes after Wests had built up a good lead. The key turning point for Wests was the injury to Alan Ridley, who battled on with a sprained ankle until finally limping off and leaving Wests with 12 men. They defended valiantly in the last ten minutes where McMillan kicked a magnificent goal to level the scores. Stan Tancred, a big hard-running centre made his debut and would become a First Grade fixture. Jack McGlinn was back in combination with Les Mead after Vic Hey was unavailable.