



## 1952 Round 3 Saturday 12th April Pratten Park



### Western Suburbs 23

def.

### Balmain 14

George BAIN  
 Bill CALLINAN  
 Col RATCLIFF  
 Gerry LOWE  
 Jack FITZGERALD  
 Frank STANMORE  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Peter McLEAN (c)  
 Arthur COLLINSON  
 Don SCHOFIELD  
 Bill HORDER  
 Hec FARRELL  
 Kevin HANSEN

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

Jack SCANLON  
 Ray LAURIE  
 Kevin HARMEY  
 Tom LAWLER  
 Jack FIFIELD  
 Joe JORGENSON  
 Jack McGARRY  
 Leo NOSWORTHY (c)  
 Bill MARSH  
 Tom TYRRELL  
 Jim THOMSON  
 Johnny O'BRIEN  
 Jack MOON



**Tries**

Bill CALLINAN  
 Arthur COLLINSON  
 Keith HOLMAN

Ray LAURIE  
 Leo NOSWORTHY

**Goals**

George BAIN (7) One field goal

Ray LAURIE (4)

**Match Description**

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: G Bain; three-quarters: W Callinan, C Ratcliffe, G Lowe, J Fitzgerald; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: K Holman; forwards: P McLean (c), D Schofield, A Collinson, W Horder, H Farrell, K Hansen

**Balmain:** Full-back: J Scanlon; three-quarters: J Fifield, K Harmey, T Lawler, R Laurie; five-eighth: J Jorgenson; half: J McGarry; forwards: L Nosworthy (c), W Marsh, T Tyrell, J Moon, J O'Brien, J Thomson **Referee: D Lawler (Rugby League News 25-26th April 1952)**

Balmain Rugby League centre Kevin Harmey announced his retirement from football yesterday after he had been injured while playing against Western Suburbs at Pratten Park. Wests won 23-14. During the match referee D. Lawler cautioned five players, but sent none off. Harmey yesterday dislocated his right shoulder for the fourth time in three years. He was injured in a tackle five minutes after the start of the match. Harmey walked off the field unassisted. Later Harmey said: "I have definitely retired, because my shoulder is being injured too often." I would like to continue playing to help my club, but feel it is not worth the risk," Harmey is the fifth leading Balmain player seriously injured this season. The others are Bob Lulham, Roy Dykes, Ray Lees, and Stan Ponchard. Ponchard was chosen for yesterday's game, but did not play because of injury. In yesterday's match Wests' substitute full-back, 21-year-old George Bain, played brilliantly. He handled and ran cleverly, and scored seven goals from eight attempts. His sixth goal was a 50-yard field goal, from near the sideline. Bain was chosen to play first-grade last week, when regular full-back Don Worne became unavailable. Bain, a utility back, has played in every back position in Wests lower grades. For Balmain, Lismore aborigine winger Ray Laurie scored four goals from four attempts, and a try. He took over Balmain's kicking when veteran Joe Jorgenson failed with his first three attempts at penalty goals. Wests, with an extra man because of Harmey's retirement, monopolised the first half to lead 18-2 at half-time. Bain had scored six goals, and Bill Callinan and Keith Holman tries. **(The Daily Telegraph 13th April 1952)**

Brilliant goal kicking by Wests' fullback George Bain and Balmain's dusky winger Ray Laurie featured in the League game at Pratten Park yesterday which Wests won comfortably 23 to 14. Bain capped his performance of six goals from eight attempts by landing a magnificent field goal, in real 'Pipette' Puig-Aubert style from over 50 yards out. Laurie kicked four from five attempts. Balmain's shocking luck with injured players continued. After being tackled for the first time Kev Harmey had to leave the field with a dislocated shoulder. It looks finis to his playing days. The Tigers were never in the hunt in the first half. Wests rattled together a half-time lead of 18 to 2. Balmain's strange move of retaining six forwards and playing a three man three-quarter line had much to do with their deficit. In this half the best effort was Keith Holman's try for which the credit belongs to both Bain and Lowe. Bain brilliantly fielded a long kick by Jorgenson, made ground and sent to Lowe, who ran 10 yards balancing the ball on his fingertips before it went to Collinson and finally Holman. The 'Mains did better in the second half, and Laurie showed what a potential match winner he could be, given the opportunity. His try was a splendid effort of determination. He was always looking for an opening. In addition, tried as a goal kicker after Jorgenson had failed, his four goals included two beauties from just inside half-way. For the winners, apart from Bain, Lowe in the centre was always dangerous. Collinson, McLean and Hansen were well to the fore in the forwards. Balmain was best served by Laurie and Lawler in the backs. Tyrell and Marsh worked hard in the pack. **(Truth 13th April 1952)**

**Notes:** Balmain lost centre, Kev Harmey, early on with a dislocated collar-bone, so Wests were on top from the beginning. Col Ratcliff again starred and was now considered a Kangaroo certainty. George Bain was brilliant at full-back, kicking seven goals, including a brilliant field goal from near half-way. Peter McLean again played a hard-running captain's knock.