



1909 Round 4 Saturday 22nd May Birchgrove Oval



Balmain 27

def.

Western Suburbs 0

Frank WOOLLEY
 Tommy O'DONNELL
 A WALKER
 G FITZPATRICK
 Alf LATTA
 Arthur HALLOWAY
 Lloyd EDWARDS
 F WARD
 John WOODWARD
 Robert GRAVES (c)
 Joe REGENT
 Ted McFADDEN
 Joe APOLONEY

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

Tom PHELAN (c)
 Albert HALLING
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Harry BLOOMFIELD
 James SPEIRS
 Claude WALLIS
 Bill MEDCALF
 Ted MEAD
 Edward COURTNEY
 Robert ELLIS
 Horace HERINGTON
 Lawrence DUNCAN
 James SANDY
 Charles BLAKE



Tries Arthur HALLOWAY (2)
 Joe APOLONEY
 G FITZPATRICK
 Joe REGENT
 A WALKER
 John WOODWARD

Goals G FITZPATRICK (3)

Match Description

Balmain: P Woolley, fullback; A Latta, D Fitzpatrick, A Walker, T O'Donnell, three-quarters; G Edwards, A Holloway halves; J Regent, E McFadden, J Apoloney, R Graves, J Woodward, F Ward, forwards

Western Suburbs: T Phelan, fullback; A Halling, C McFadgen, H Bloomfield, J Spears, three-quarters; T Wallis, M Medcalfe halves; R Ellis, F Courtney, J Hetherington, E Meade, S Duncan, V Sands, forwards. **Mr George Seabrook, Referee**

At Birchgrove Oval in the presence of about 1000 people, the local men were easy winners 30 pound was taken at the gates. Balmain at once pressed. O'Donnell ran well along the wing and centred to Fitzpatrick, who scored, and also converted the try. Balmain, 5 to nil. From a scrum Holloway ran well and scored the second try. Fitzpatrick a goal. Balmain 10 to nil. Apoloney kicked well up the field. Walker followed on, fielded the ball, and scored. Fitzpatrick converted. Balmain 15 to nil. Holloway picked up in the ruck, ran strongly, and scored the fourth try. Fitzpatrick failed at goal. Balmain 18 to nil. Resuming, Balmain repeatedly worked the ball to WS line, but their defence had improved. From a scrum Holloway passed to Woodward, who dived over with the fifth try. Ward failed at goal, Fitzpatrick intercepted, passed to Edwards, to Apoloney, who scored the 6th; Edwards failed at goal. Balmain 27 to nil. **(Sunday Times 23rd May 1909)**

Balmain beat Western Suburbs 27 to nil

The game was a strenuous one from the start, and honours were even for some time. During the remainder of the game, Western Suburbs showed really good form, and several times the local team were called upon to defend their goal, but there was no further score, Balmain winning by 27 to nil. During the first half Halling, who was playing in the three-quarter line for Western Suburbs had to retire with a sprained knee and ankle. His place was taken by Blake. **(Sydney Morning Herald 24th May 1909)**

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Notes: The Wests' team as above was the only one listed in all newspapers and seems to conflict with some other publications. Halling retired hurt and was replaced by Charles Blake (brother of Arthur) who missed an apparently good attempt at field goal. Fitzpatrick retired as goal kicker after half-time but all other attempts by Balmain kickers failed. This was the first game for V. Sands (actual name James Sandy) and S. Duncan (actual name Lawrence Stanley Duncan). This was also the first game for Bill Medcalf who had played a full season in reserves. He became a stalwart of First Grade and a prolific goal kicker. He was out of position in this game at half and later became the regular full-back. In early lists he was spelt Medcalfe or Metcalfe and appeared that way in many records but after a few games he was always listed as Medcalf.