



1959 Round 6 Sunday 26th April Leichhardt Oval



Western Suburbs 29

def.

Balmain 10

Darcy RUSSELL
 Ian MOIR
 Harry WELLS
 Dick POOLE (c)
 Bernie KELLY
 Darcy HENRY
 Keith HOLMAN
 Frank CLEGG
 Bill CARSON
 Ray McDERMOTT
 Mark PATCH
 Bede GOFF
 Nev CHARLTON

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

Pat HOGGARD
 Ron MACK
 Billy BISCHOFF
 Jack SINCLAIR
 Brian TRANTER
 Alan MASON
 Ron CLIFFORD (c)
 Kevin SMYTH
 Billy TONKIN
 Ray SWANSON
 Don EVENDEN
 Ian McCARTHY
 Billy MARSH

Tries

Darcy HENRY (2)
 Nev CHARLTON
 Frank CLEGG
 Ian MOIR
 Dick POOLE
 Harry WELLS

Don EVENDEN
 Billy TONKIN

Goals

Darcy RUSSELL (4)

Ron CLIFFORD (1)
 Pat HOGGARD (1)

Match Description

Balmain: Full-back: P Hoggard; three-quarters: R Mack, J Sinclair, W Bischoff, B Tranter; five-eighth: A Mason; half: R Clifford (c); forwards: K Smyth, W Tonkin, R Swanson, W Marsh, I McCarthy, D Evenden

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: I Moir, H Wells, R Poole (c), B Kelly; five-eighth: D Henry; half: K Holman; forwards: F Clegg, R McDermott, W Carson, M Patch, B Goff, N Charlton **Referee: C Brown (The Sunday Telegraph 26th April 1959)**

Western Suburbs yesterday routed a crippled Balmain Rugby League team 29-10 with a whirlwind finish. A Leichhardt Oval record crowd of 16,318 saw Wests add 16 points in the last nine minutes. Balmain had made a gallant fight after a disastrous first 20 minutes. In this period: *Winger Brian Tranter broke his left leg near the ankle. *Test front-rower Bill Marsh tore ligaments in his right ankle *Half-back Ron Clifford ruptured a blood vessel in his left knee. Marsh and Clifford completed the match limping heavily. Balmain is having a most unlucky season. Yesterday's injuries raised the club's casualty list to 16. Marsh's ankle injury probably has killed his chances of playing in the early representative matches. No-one could tell how this match would have gone if things had been normal. Wests led only 5-2 when the three Balmain injuries occurred within a few minutes of each other. Even then, Balmain would have remained in the race if goal-kicking full-back Keith Barnes had been playing. Barnes' substitute Pat Hoggard, a tall, frail youngster, failed with six shots at goal. Barnes would have landed three or four of them at least, and Wests' half-time lead, 10-2, would have been smaller. Balmain, however, put up the gallant fight which is traditional with the club when in difficulties. Moir scored his try with a brilliant swerve in a 40-yard dash. Poole scored his with a clever dummy which caught Balmain expecting a scissors between Poole and Moir. Poole, who shared the match honours with vigorous front-rower Nev Charlton, spearheaded Wests' whirlwind finish. **(Daily Telegraph 27th April 1959)**

A record Leichhardt Oval crowd of 16,318 saw Western Suburbs score four tries in ten minutes of the second half to gain an easy 29-10 Rugby League win over Balmain yesterday. Balmain, playing a man short for three-quarters of the match, did well to keep Wests' lead down to 10-5 until midway through the second half. Then, as Balmain players began to tire, Wests, with centre Dick Poole brilliant in attack, produced some dazzling football to lead 29-5 a few minutes before full-time. In the final minute of play, front-row forward Don Evenden, playing his initial first grade match for Balmain, forced his way over for a converted try. Already hard hit by injuries this season, Balmain lost winger Brian Tranter with a broken leg in the first 15 minutes. In addition, Test front-row forward Billy Marsh aggravated torn ligaments in his left ankle early in the first half. Had full-back Pat Hoggard been able to kick some goals, the scores would have been much closer. Hoggard had 10 fairly easy chances at goal and landed only one. **(Sydney Morning Herald 27th April 1959)**

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Notes: A record crowd at Leichhardt Oval saw Wests overcome a slow start to have a convincing win in the end. Dick Poole was in top form and Holman warmed up to his best in the second half. Ian Moir's try was a result of a special 60-yard dash. Balmain was significantly hampered by serious injuries and played one man short for three-quarters of the match, while substitute full-back Hoggard missed a lot of shots at goal.