



# 1958 Round 7 Sunday 25th May Leichhardt Oval



## Western Suburbs 20

def.

## Balmain 7

Darcy RUSSELL  
 Barry OWEN  
 Don MALONE  
 Peter DIMOND  
 Bernie KELLY  
 Colin WELLS  
 Keith HOLMAN (c)  
 Doug JONES  
 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**

Frank DRAKE  
 Des HORNE  
 Billy BISCHOFF  
 Geoff HAWKEY  
 Clarrie RUMPH  
 Arthur LORIMER  
 Brian STAUNTON (c)  
 Kevin SMYTH  
 Billy TONKIN  
 Danny JOHNSTON  
 Don AMOS  
 Joe KEIGHRAN  
 Billy MARSH

### Tries

Bede GOFF  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Don MALONE  
 Darcy RUSSELL

Kevin SMYTH

### Goals

Darcy RUSSELL (3)  
 Keith HOLMAN (1) Field goal

Arthur LORIMER (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: B Owen, D Malone, P Dimond, B Kelly; five-eighth: C Wells; half: K Holman (c); forwards: D Jones, W Carson, J Bowman, N Charlton, B Goff, M Patch

**Balmain:** Full-back: F Drake; three-quarters: D Horne, G Hawkey, W Bischoff, C Rumph; five-eighth: A Lorimer; half: B Staunton (c), forwards: K Smyth, B Tonkin, D Johnston, W Marsh, J Keighran, D Amos **Referee: D Lawler (as per program Rugby League News 25th May 1958 + team changes Sydney Morning Herald 26th May 1958)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday defeated Balmain despite the absence of four injured star players. Western Suburbs won 20-7 at Leichhardt Oval. Wests' forwards paved the way to this win by hammering gaps in the Balmain defence. Wests' stars, Harry Wells (leg injury), Darcy Henry (knee injury), Kel O'Shea (head wounds), and Rees Duncan (leg injury) had to be replaced by reserve graders. Yet West scored four tries to one and would have won by a wider margin if full-back Darcy Russell had not missed eight kicks at goal. Wests' half-back Keith Holman was so badly concussed early in the match he switched to the wing where he lurched groggily. He recovered to play a vital part in Wests' second-half raids on the Balmain line. This was Holman's fourth match in nine days. In all of them he repeatedly downed big forwards. Wests' coach Vic Hey said: "This was our best win of the season. To win so easily with such a depleted side was a mighty effort.." A ground record crowd of 15,621 frequently disputed referee Darcy Lawler's decisions. The inconsistency of Lawler's rulings puzzled players and officials. But it was no excuse for Balmain fans who surrounded Lawler and pelted him with abuse and papers as he left the field. Three Balmain players were hurt in a hard, punishing match. ... There was 10 minutes extra play for time taken treating injured players. Wests' centre Don Malone ran 33 yards to score a first-half try which Holman started, twice eluding Balmain tacklers with sidesteps. Balmain lock Kevin Smyth gathered a cross-kick from winger Clarrie Rumph to score. Wests added 13 points to after half-time when the score was 7-7. Holman kicked a field-goal from 35 yards out and Russell backed up splendidly to score near the posts. **(Daily Telegraph 26th May 1958)**

.... With a makeshift back division, West threw heavy responsibility upon the forwards. The manner in which the pack rose to the occasion, all six playing well, was one big factor in the win. Another was the inspired sustained effort by half-back Keith Holman in the second half after he had a "blackout" for some time in the first half (he was on the left wing for 12 minutes). A high-spirited match, desperately fought at times, stirred a record Leichhardt crowd of 15,621. The takings, £1,979, were also a record. There were several delays through injury. ....The scores were 7-all at the end of the first half. Balmain had played with a light breeze. Two minutes after the interval Holman gathered a long kick from full-back Frank Drake, steadied himself, and from 50 yards out drop-kicked a beautiful field goal. Thereafter, West did not look back. Holman made many strong bursts. The forwards backed-up splendidly. New State winger Peter Dimond and five-eighth Don Malone were Wests' centres yesterday; Bernie Kelly was promoted to play left wing and Colin Wells to be five-eighth. Bill Carson replaced Kel O'Shea in the second row. ... **(Sydney Morning Herald 26th May 1958)**

**Notes:** Wests were without O'Shea, Wells, Duncan and Henry but were still able to finish strongly in the second half after being 7-all at half-time. Keith Holman, playing his fourth game in nine days, was very heavily concussed. Remarkably, after wandering about on the wing for quarter of an hour he came back to lead the forwards to victory, even kicking a 50-yard field goal after half-time! Bernie Kelly, and Colin Wells, brother of Harry, both debuted.