



1931 Round 7 Saturday 27th June Birchgrove Oval



Western Suburbs 13

def.

Balmain 7

Richard DAVIS
 Alan RIDLEY
 Frank McMILLAN (c)
 Cecil ANDERTON
 Harold RIGBY
 Harry CAMERON
 Norm JOHNSON
 Frank MATTERSON
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Bill RYAN
 Charlie WRENCH
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Cecil RHODES

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

Arthur TOBY (c)
 Alby BLACK
 Andy NICOL
 Harold MATTHEWS
 Tom MAGNUS
 J GOODWIN
 George FRANKLAND
 Mal FALLON
 S MARTIN
 Arthur ROBERTS
 Viv REEVES
 Horrie BAULKWELL
 Jim McMENAMIN



Tries Frank MATTERSON
 Frank McMILLAN
 Charlie CORNWELL

S MARTIN

Goals Cecil ANDERTON (1)
 Charlie CORNWELL (1)

J GOODWIN (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back, R. Davis: three-quarters. A. Ridley, F. McMillan C Anderton, H. Rigby; halves, H. Cameron, Norm Johnson; forwards, F. Matterson, C Cornwall, W Ryan, C Wrench, R Lindfield, C Rhodes

Balmain: Full-back: A Toby; three-quarters, A Black, A Nichol, H Matthews, T Magnus; halves, J Goodwin, G Frankland; forwards, M Fallon, S Martin, A Roberts, V Reeves, H Baulkwell, J McMenamin **Referee: W Neill**

There was a crowd of about 3000 when Goodwin kicked off.Wrench then made n nice run, and sent to Johnson, to Rigby, who was upended. Ridley and Johnson looked dangerous, but the latter's pass to McMillan was knocked down. However, Wests kept up the pressure, and Anderton landed a nice goal from a penalty. Wests 2, Balmain nil. Play was then held up while Rhodes had a cut over the eve attended to. Then from a free kick by Balmain the ball struck the man on the mark. Magnus fumbled. Cornwall picked up smartly, and, beating a couple of men, scored in the corner, with Toby hanging on. Anderton failed with the kick. Wests 5. Balmain nil. Wests kept up the pressure, and Cameron, Johnson, and Anderton made a great dash. The latter, running very strongly, drew Toby and sent Matterson over for a great try. Ryan failed with the kick. Wests 8, Balmain nil. Half-time scores:—Western Suburbs, 8.Baimain nil.

Balmain had Black in centre and Matthews on the wing on the resumption. Balmain started off with a great burst. Goodwin sent to Frankland, back to Goodwin, to McMenamin, to Martin, to Matthews to Fallon, who was pulled down on the line. From the ensuing ruck Martin forced his way over. Goodwin converted. Wests 8, Balmain 5. Wests' forwards then took play downfield, where Cornwall sent Wests further ahead with a great kick from near half-way. Wests 10. Balmain 5. Ridley then made a great run from near halfway but was tackled from behind by Black within five yards of the line. ... Goodwin landed a penalty goal from an easy position. Wests 10. Balmain 7.Full-time scores: Western Suburbs, 13, Balmain, 7 (**The Sun 27th June 1931**)

..... Anderton, the former Blacktown centre, did splendidly in his first appearance as a centre with West. (**The Daily Telegraph 29th June 1931**)

W Ryan, who replaces W Carpenter in the forwards today, played with Junee last season and has been showing fine form in the Reserve Grade with Wests since joining up. Carpenter had a badly dislocated finger in the match with Easts and could not continue in the second half.....Owing to promotions and the fact that several of the selected players did not attend, Wests' Third Grade team nearly had to take the field with a shortage of two men last Saturday, but their evergreen coach, Roy Liston, immediately donned an outfit and was soon delving in with the youngest against his old club. Another ex-player in the person of Les Gaskill also lent his assistance and proved a tower of strength until his condition petered out. (**Rugby League News July 4th 1931**)

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Notes: Wests were without Bill Brogan, Ken Sherwood and Harry Owen (playing for NSW in Queensland) as well as Cliff Pearce, Ray Morris and Bill Carpenter out injured. Charlie Wrench and Richard Davis made their debuts and Cecil Anderton, a former Blacktown centre, partnered McMillan in an unusual centre pairing. Bill Ryan, formerly from Junee, continued to play strongly. The continued representative duties and the heavy injury list were taking their toll, as evidenced by Roy "Erco" Liston, the Third Grade coach, having to come out of retirement and pull on a jersey. He was forced to do that three times during the season as the injury list expanded. Despite this, Wests were able to continue on their way with a solid win.