



# 1934 Round 8 Saturday 23rd June Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 23

def.

## Balmain 8

Frank McMILLAN (c)  
Vince SHEEHAN  
Stan TANCRED  
Alan BRADY  
Alan RIDLEY  
Vic HEY  
Les MEAD  
Frank SPONBERG  
Max GRAY  
Jack McCONNELL  
Charlie CORNWELL  
Bob LINDFIELD  
Alan BLAKE

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

Charlie RICHARDS  
George FRANKLAND  
Syd CHRISTENSEN (c)  
T COX  
Sid GOODWIN  
Tommy GRAHAME  
Jack PIDCOCK  
Bill BALLARD  
Bill WILLIAMS  
Mal FALLON  
Pat BARRY  
J TATTERSALL  
Bill JOHNSON



**Tries** Vic HEY (3)  
Stan TANCRED  
Alan BRADY

**Goals** Les MEAD (4) Syd CHRISTENSEN (4)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: F McMillan (capt); three-quarters: A Ridley, S Tancred, A Brady, V Sheehan; halves: V Hey, L Mead; forwards: F Sponberg, J McConnell, M Gray, A Blake, R Lindfield, C Cornwell

**Balmain:** Full-back: C Richards; three-quarters: S Goodwin, S Christensen (capt), T Cox, G Frankland; halves: T Grahame, J Pidcock; forwards: W Ballard, M Fallon, Williams, W Johnson, J Tattersall, P Barry **Referee: C York (Rugby League News 30th June 1934)**

Before about 4000 spectators, Frankland kicked off. That was to mark the fact that he was playing his 50th first grade match. ... Wests were providing plenty of action. To and fro across the field the game moved in Balmain's territory. .... Then there came a good Western Suburbs try. Cornwell picked up deep in Balmain's territory and transferred to Hey, who sidestepped neatly and crossed in a good position. Mead's kick hit an upright. Western Suburbs 3, Balmain nil. Penalties kept Wests on the offensive. Blake and McConnell were each in turn nearly over, Blake after he had received the ball from Cornwell. McConnell went over in a loose rush with others, but could not get his hands on the ball. From well outside the Western Suburbs 25 Christensen kicked a fine penalty goal, and the scores were: Western Suburbs 3, Balmain 2. Three dramatic movements quickly followed one another, Ridley figuring in each of them. The first time he came inside and streaked for the line, but was stopped inches from it. On the other two occasions he was held back from the line by sheer weight of numbers. Then McMillan caused a stir, running up with the ball and beating man after man, but his pass was smothered. .... Ridley doubled infield and took a good pass, but was stopped by Richards, with the line only yards away. He had succeeded in passing to Brady, who went on and scored. Mead kicked the goal. Western Suburbs 8, Balmain 2. A little later Mead, from right out in front of the posts, kicked a penalty goal. Western Suburbs 10, Balmain 2. Tancred was tackled, but had passed to Sheehan, who sent on, for Hey to score. Mead missed the goal. Western Suburbs 13, Balmain 2. Going again, there was a magnificent Western Suburbs try. Cornwell passed to Hey, who cut through and passed to Tancred, who raced more than half the length of the field, evaded Richards, and scored, for Mead to kick the goal. Western Suburbs 18, Balmain 2. ... Half-time scores:— Western Suburbs 18, Balmain 2.

..... Then Christensen kicked a penalty goal, and the scores were: Western Suburbs 18, Balmain 4. Balmain were exploiting nearly every man in the side in their endeavours to get through. For instance, one movement was Williams to Grahame, to Pidcock, to Christensen to Cox and then to Richards, who had raced up. But this was unavailing. Then Wests were in again. Hey snapped the ball up almost from the toes of a Balmain man and scored a neat try. Mead kicked the goal. Wests 23, Balmain 4. Western Suburbs were penalised for a play-the-ball breach, and from a comparatively easy position Christensen kicked the goal. Western Suburbs 23, Balmain 6. Christensen kicked another penalty goal, and Western Suburbs led by 23 to 8. Mead ran from 25 to 25 in a magnificent effort. Goodwin, Johnson, and Williams ran and passed well. Wests were attacking when the full-time bell rang, with the scores: Wests 23. Balmain 8. **(The Sun 23rd June 1934)**

**Notes:** Wests were always in control in this match, their eighth win in a row. Alan Brady, Les Mead and Tancred all continued their good form, with Ridley, the Kangaroo winger, returning to dazzling form. Wests were going like a well-oiled machine and were now clearly premiership favourites.