



1933 Round 9 Saturday 15th July Drummoyne Oval



Balmain 22

def.

Western Suburbs 17

Charlie RICHARDS
 Sid GOODWIN
 Syd CHRISTENSEN
 Arthur TOBY
 Dan LITTLE
 Norm ROBINSON (c)
 Len RUE
 D SIMPSON
 Bill WILLIAMS
 Michael PACE
 Edmund BEAVER
 Len TRUSSLER
 Bill JOHNSON

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

Sid ELLIOTT
 Les MIDSON
 Stan TANCREED
 Cec ANDERTON
 Alan BRADY
 Bert GREEN
 Harry OWEN
 Frank SPONBERG
 Jack McCONNELL
 Bill HOWES
 Bill BROGAN (c)
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Charlie CORNWELL



Tries

Michael PACE (2)
 Syd CHRISTENSEN
 Sid GOODWIN

Les MIDSON (2)
 Alan BRADY
 Stan TANCREED
 Frank SPONBERG

Goals

Syd CHRISTENSEN (5)

Harry OWEN (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back, S. Elliott; three-quarters, A. Brady. S. Tancred, C. Anderton, L. Midson; halves, H. Owen, B. Green; forwards, F. Sponberg, W. Howes, J. McConnell, W. Brogan, R. Lindfield, C. Cornwell.

Balmain: Full-back: C. Richards; three-quarters: S. Goodwin, A. Toby, S. Christensen, D. Little; halves, N. Robinson, L. Rue; forwards, D. Simpson, E. Beaver, W. Williams, M. Pace, L. Trussler, W. Johnson. **Referee: C. McGrath (Truth 16th July 1933)**

Harry Owen kicked off into a tricky breeze. Toby and Christiansen took play back to Wests' 25, where the defenders staged a delightful handling movement, about 15 passes being exchanged in a brilliant manner. Then Anderton broke through splendidly and passed to Cornwell. The forward beat a couple of men and passed out to Midson, who scored. Cornwell failed to convert. Wests 3, Balmain nil. Wests paralysed Balmain with another immediate try. Direct from the kick-off, Tancred secured and made a one-man job of it. Beating several players, he disdained sending it out to the winger when the full-back was reached. Hurling himself at the line, Tancred brushed Richards off and scored. Midson missed the goal. Wests 6, Balmain nil. Balmain attacked smartly, and Christensen opened their score with a penalty shot after Referee McGrath, on a report from Linesman Groves, had consulted West's captain, W. Brogan. Christensen kicked another penalty from a long way out. Wests 6, Balmain 4. Balmain, who were most enterprising, were soon over. Christensen gathered in the loose and outpaced the field to score. He converted his own try. Balmain 9, Wests 6. A spectacular offensive by Wests was turned to advantage by Balmain. Pace scored in the corner, after Little, Beaver, and Robinson had all participated. Christensen's great effort to convert just failed. Balmain 12, Wests 6. The scoring rate was maintained. McConnell next broke away, and fielding splendidly, he and Tancred dodged through cleverly before sending a pass to Midson, who scored in the corner. Cornwell missed the goal. Balmain 12, Wests 9. After Christensen and Beaver had toed the ball through Pace fell on it for a try. Christensen failed to convert. Balmain 15, Wests 9. Half-time scores:—Balmain 15, Western Suburbs 9. Midson carried play to Balmain's territory, where Sponberg picked up in the ruck and cut through to score. Owen converted. Balmain 15, Wests 14. Wests took the lead when Brogan, acting as an extra half, fed the three-quarters. Brady scored in the corner, after a pass from Cornwell. Cornwell failed to convert. Wests 17, Balmain 15. Full-time scores: Balmain 22, Western Suburbs 17. **(The Sun 15th July 1933)**

Wests' wail yesterday was 'Bring back our Mac.'. Against Balmain at Drummoyne Oval they tried a full-back who had played a champion game somewhere, sometime, but — well, let us be kind and draw the veil. And poor Bob Lindfield! With clock-like regularity he won the ball from practically every scrum, and with equally monotonous regularity he saw his backs mull it and, in many cases, even lose ground. **(Truth 16th July 1933)**

"Dutchy" and Neil Matterson are the latest migrants from Wests to country centres; both have departed for Condobolin, where brother Jack has been playing for some time. Lack of employment has had a big bearing on many players deciding to leave the city and can justly be called the offender in the case of the Mattersons, each of whom has rendered valuable service to their old club. **(Rugby League News July 22nd 1933)**

Notes: This was a better performance by Wests, where they scored five tries to four and were only beaten late in the game. Sid Elliott had a poor debut at full-back but Bill Howes went better in his debut in the forwards. Bert Green, who had played lock in previous seasons, came into the five-eighth position. There were numerous cautions in a spiteful game. Tancred scored a brilliant solo try, scoring from the kick-off after the first try, beating all defenders and knocking off the full-back. Bob Lindfield continued to win a lion's share of the ball in a losing team. The effect of the Depression can be seen starkly in the case of the Mattersons. All of the brothers had been forced to go bush, like so many other footballers, looking for work. One publication had Cornwell scoring Sponberg's try but it was definitely Frank Sponberg who scored.