



1932 Round 9 Saturday 23rd July Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 33

def.

Balmain 9

Frank McMILLAN
 Alan BRADY
 Ray MORRIS
 Cliff PEARCE
 Alan RIDLEY
 Jack McGLINN
 Les MEAD
 Frank SPONBERG
 Bill RYAN
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Bill BROGAN (c)
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Cecil RHODES

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

Arthur TOBY
 J O'DOWD
 Charlie ROBERTS
 Charlie RICHARDS
 Jim DUCKWORTH
 E FULHAM (c)
 George FRANKLAND
 Mal FALLON
 Michael PACE
 Arthur ROBERTS
 Horrie BAULKWELL
 George BISHOP
 Edmund BEAVER

Tries

Alan RIDLEY
 Bill BROGAN
 Bill RYAN
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Les MEAD
 Ray MORRIS
 Jack McGLINN

Charlie ROBERTS

Goals

Les MEAD (4)
 Bill RYAN (2)

Mal FALLON (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: F McMillan; three-quarters: A Brady, C Pearce, R Morris, A Ridley; halves: L Mead, J McGlinn; forwards: F Sponberg, W Ryan, C Cornwell, C Rhodes, R Lindfield, W Brogan (capt)

Balmain: Full-back: A Toby; three-quarters: J O'Dowd, C Richards, C Roberts, J Duckworth; halves: E Fulham (capt), G Frankland; forwards: A Roberts, M Fallon, E Beaver, G Bishop, H Baulkwell, M Pace **Referee: W Neill (Rugby League News 6th August 1932)**

Western Suburbs won the toss. Within the first minute each side had incurred a penalty kick. Two scrums followed. From the second Mead, McGlinn and Pearce combined well. Wests continued to attack, and play hovered in front of Balmain's goal during the next few minutes. Then Wests scored. The ball came from a scrum to Mead, to Morris, on the blind-side, and the latter forced his way across. Ryan converted with a good kick. Western Suburbs 5, Balmain nil. The game veered across the wing back to Wests 25 line, where Brogan was cautioned and a penalty awarded to Balmain. Fallon made a good attempt at goal, but failed. Then Wests broke through magnificently. Ridley went strongly and passed to McGlinn, to Brady. The latter was brought down 10 yards from the line. Brogan picked up from the ruck and passed the ball into Fallon's hands. The Balmain forward ran strongly unopposed until he came to McMillan in the 25 where he was tackled. Wests' next try was the result of a solid run by C. Pearce after the ball had come from the scrum near half-way. Pearce ran strongly, pushed several opponents aside, and passed to Cornwell in Balmain's 25. Cornwell raced ahead to score under the posts. Mead converted. Western Suburbs 10. Balmain nil. Five minutes before half time Fallon kicked a good penalty goal for Balmain from the wing. Western Suburbs 10, Balmain 2. Brilliant work between McGlinn and Mead resulted in Wests' third try. At half way the ball came from the scrum to Mead, who passed to McGlinn. The latter showed a rare turn of speed, beat his opponent, and passed back to Mead. The latter raced over the line at full speed. Mead failed to convert from an easy position. Western Suburbs 13, Balmain 2. Half-time scores:—Western Suburbs 13, Balmain 2. Wests attacked immediately on resuming. Mead sent to McGlinn, who passed to Pearce, and then to Morris, who was tackled near Balmain's line. Ridley broke through near Balmain's 25, ran strongly, and passed to Ryan, who scored. Mead converted. Wests 18. Balmain 2. Duckworth, on the wing, passed to Roberts, who beat several opponents, and scored. Fallon converted. Wests 18, Balmain 7. Five minutes later Fallon kicked a penalty goal from Wests' 25 line. Western Suburbs 18, Balmain 9. Ryan had two attempts at goal from penalties on opposite wings and 40 yards out. He was successful with the second effort. Wests 20 Balmain 9. Mead passed to McGlinn from a scrum. Mead again obtained possession, ran strongly, gave the ball to Brady at half-way, and the winger sprinted across the line. McGlinn failed at goal. Wests 23, Balmain 9. Wests' next try was the result of a brilliant run for 40 yards by Morris, who took play to Balmain's corner. Ridley passed to Brogan, who scored. Mead converted. Wests 28, Balmain 9. Full-time Scores:—Western Suburbs 33, Balmain 9 (**The Sun 23rd July 1932**)

Notes: The return of Frank Sponberg and Bob Lindfield was a determining factor in this match. Lindfield dominated in the scrums and the backs ran riot. Mead and McGlinn combined brilliantly, McGlinn being compared to Alf Blair, very high praise indeed. McMillan was again dominant, winning all the kicking duels.