



1910 Round 9 Saturday 30th July Birchgrove Oval



Balmain 13

A WALKER
G FITZPATRICK
W SMITH
Alf LATTA
? STUART
Lloyd EDWARDS
W FRANKLIN
Joe APOLONEY
Frank WOODWARD
John WOODWARD
Ted McFADDEN
Robert GRAVES (c)
Arthur SURRIDGE

def.

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

Western Suburbs 10

Bill MEDCALF
Ernest PALMER
Alfred CHIPPERFIELD
Frank FEENEY
James OGILVIE
Percy BOLT (c)
Claude McFAYDEN
Tom DOYLE
Percy BRISCOE
Wal BARCLAY
Ted MEAD
Sam PERRY
William ELLIOTT



Tries

Joe APOLONEY
Robert GRAVES
W SMITH

Sam PERRY (2)

Goals

Arthur SURRIDGE (2)

Bill MEDCALF (2)

Match Description

Balmain - Full-back, A Walker; three-quarters, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Stuart, Latta; halves, Franklin, Edwards; forwards, Appoloney, Surrige, McFadden, Graves, J Woodward, F Woodward

Western Suburbs - Full-back W Medcalf; three-quarters, Palmer, Feeney, Chipperfield, Ogilvie; halves, Bolt, McFayden; forwards, Mead, Perry, Barclay, Elliott, Doyle and Briscoe **Referee, Mr George Seabrook**

There were 1500 spectators when Graves kicked off. After a scrum in the centre, Balmain made a desperate rush, but Medcalf relieved. Balmain forced the game constantly into their opponents' ground. After some capital passing, Appoloney crossed the line. Surrige converted. Balmain 5, Western Suburbs nil.

A free kick was given to Balmain, and Surrige made a good attempt, the ball striking the post just above the bar. Balmain continued the attack strenuously. Surrige had another free kick but the ball went wide. Balmain was not to be denied, pressing the game home, and though Medcalf was doing his best, Smith got across. Balmain 8, Western Suburbs nil.

A remarkable change took place, Western Suburbs made a dash and Perry scored a try. Medcalf converted. Balmain 8, Western Suburbs 5. These were the scores at half-time.

Early in the second half Balmain were kept on the defensive. A passing rush by Wests resulted in Perry scoring. Medcalf failed to add. Balmain 8, Western Suburbs 8. Balmain then pressed and Graves scored a try. Surrige adding the extras. Balmain 13, Western Suburbs 8. Wests were afterwards in trouble and Balmain came perilously close to scoring. Some grand passing followed, but the only other score was a goal from a mark by Medcalf. Balmain 13, Western Suburbs 10. These were the final scores. **(Evening News 31st July 1910).**

Sidenote "The League are thinking of raising Noisy Norton's (the referee) remuneration for entertaining the public with wondrous goal kicking exhibitions at half-time in his matches. Some of his efforts at 80 and 90 yards fell a bit short: but he says the best of us (me and Dally) miss them at times. **(Sydney Sportsman 3rd August 1910)**

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Notes: Three new players for Wests; Alfred Chipperfield, James Ogilvie and Percy Briscoe. No records of this game have their first names. However, Ogilvie was James Ogilvie, a junior from the Ashfield Surreyville Junior team. He was very fast; in this year, 1910, at the age of 19, he won the 100 yards championship of NSW. Alfred Harold "Herb" Chipperfield was the youngest of four brothers from a famous sporting family. The extracts from this date on Chipperfield are interesting. From a Seconds game it is recorded "...Wests drove Belmore back again, **Chipperfield** securing near the line, placed the ball behind the posts." **(Sunday Sun 31st July, 1910)** Also from the First-Grade game "...Later they should have taken the lead, as **Chipperfield**, breaking away, raced down the field in company with a comrade, and with only one opponent to beat, delaying the transfer, he was upset with the ball, and thus through unfinished play a loss was recorded when it might have been a win," **(Referee 3rd August 1910)** There seems no doubt that Chipperfield played both grades on the same day.