



1967 Round 10 Saturday 27th May Leichhardt Oval



Western Suburbs 6

drew with

Balmain 6

Tony FORD
 John MOWBRAY
 Peter DIMOND (c)
 Roy FERGUSON
 Dave BARSLEY
 Denis PITTARD
 Ross GOODMAN
 Barry BRYANT
 John ARMSTRONG
 Jim CODY
 Doug WALKADEN
 Ken STONESTREET
 John HAYES

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

Keith BARNES (c)
 Sid WILLIAMS
 Kevin YOW YEH
 Bob MARA
 Paul CROSS
 Jim BONUS
 Dave BOLTON
 Peter PROVAN
 John SPENCER
 Dennis TUTTY
 Gary LEO
 Norm MILLER
 Bob BOLAND
 John GILLIGAN
 Col SANDERCOCK



Tries

Goals Tony FORD (3)

Sid WILLIAMS (2)
Keith BARNES (1)

Match Description

Balmain: Full-back: K Barnes (c); three-quarters; S Williams, K Yow Yeh, R Mara, P Cross; five-eighth: J Bonus; half: D Bolton; forwards; P Provan, D Tutty, J Spencer, G Leo, N Miller, R Boland

Western Suburbs: Full-back A Ford; three-quarters: J Mowbray, P Dimond (c), R Ferguson; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: R Goodman; forwards: B Bryant, J Cody, J Armstrong, D Walkaden, K Stonestreet, J Hayes **Referee: K Page (The Sun 27th May 1967)**

The brightest move during a dull 6-all draw between Balmain and Wests yesterday came from an excited Balmain supporter who ran onto the field during play. When Balmain levelled the score at 4-all after 15 minutes in the second half, the Balmain fan raced onto the field and began congratulating members of the team. The weaving run-around he gave the police should have inspired the Tigers, At least he went forward. ... Wests set out to play the game in Balmain's half and were successful with these tactics. Obviously, Wests intended that Keith Barnes, the tigers' ace goal-kicker, was to be given few scoring chances. Peter Dimond, Wests' captain, frequently punted high in the first half and worried Barnes as he faced the ball coming to him out of the sun. Barnes, who had slight concussion, did not take the field in the second half. Balmain also lost winger Paul Cross, who injured his ribs. Cautions were plentiful in the opening minutes as Wests kept pressure on Balmain. Wests' hooker Ken Stonestreet gave his side a 2-1 advantage in the scrums and at one stage led Balmain's Norm Miller 9-2. With this advantage, more should have come from Wests' backs, but only Denis Pittard, at five-eighth, seemed to be able to break through. Wests' full-back Tony Ford, with two good goals, gave the Magpies a 4-2 lead at half-time. Balmain reshuffled their side as replacements came on for Barnes and Cross. Winger Sid Williams went to half and Dave Bolton to full-back. After 15 minutes in this half Williams made level the scores at 4-all. ... Nine minutes from full-time Williams landed another goal to give Balmain a 6-4 lead for the first time in the match. With six minutes remaining and with Wests on Balmain's 25, several defenders gave away a play-the-ball penalty. Ford, with an easy kick, made the score 6-all. Pittard, Ford, Barry Bryant and Dimond were Wests' best players ... **(Sunday Mirror 28th May 1967)**

A rough and tough Western Suburbs Rugby League team yesterday hustled Balmain out of one competition point at Leichhardt Oval. Wests held Balmain to a 6-6 draw in a bruising match. Wests' fullback Tony Ford landed his third goal seven minutes before fulltime to snatch a well-earned draw for his side. Wests used effective, if not exactly glamorous, tactics to earn their draw with the Tigers. From the opening whistle they employed spoiling, bustling tactics to upset Balmain. The tactics did not help the match as a spectacle – but certainly proved the right ones for Wests. Neither side scored a try in a game which had plenty of fiery moments. Wests at times completely upset Balmain's pattern of play. Skipper Peter Dimond used a deep kick-through intelligently to upset Balmain. In the first half, with the sun at his back, Dimond continually put the ball in the air. His tactics kept Balmain full-back Keith Barnes under heavy pressure. Barnes pluckily played right through the half after being dazed in a late tackle early in the match. Barnes could remember nothing at all of the match. ... There was plenty of "needle" in the first half. Referee Keith Page issued five cautions in the first 25 minutes before calling up Barnes and Dimond with a direction for the two captains to quieten their teams down. The Tigers looked to be in real trouble when down 4-2 at half-time. ... But the second half saw Balmain get on top of Wests. Referee Page hammered Wests in the scrums in this second half. From two of these scrum penalties Williams took his side to the front for the first time in the match. Midway through the half, Balmain went within inches of scoring a try, which probably would have won the match. ... Man of the match was Balmain's whole-hearted lock-forward Peter Provan. Provan continually made ground with his incisive running from the rucks. **(Sunday Telegraph 28th May 1967)**

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Notes: Wests' spoiling tactics paid off in a rugged, hard fought match. Tony Ford's three good goals enabled them to spring an upset draw against the competition leaders.