



# 1982 Round 20 Sunday 11th July Lidcombe Oval



## Western Suburbs 14

def.

## Balmain 8

Wayne SMITH  
 Steve BROUGHTON  
 Ross CONLON  
 Steve ANDERSON  
 Warren BOLAND (c)  
 Terry LAMB  
 Greg COX  
 Jim LEIS  
 George MOROKO  
 Michael DUKE  
 Paul MERLO  
 Gary COLLISON  
 Bruce CLARK  
 Terry LEABEATER  
 Brett GALE  
 Ted GOODWIN

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

Garry JACK  
 Wayne MIRANDA  
 Olsen FILIPAINA  
 John DAVIDSON  
 Larry COROWA  
 Percy KNIGHT (c)  
 Ben ELIAS  
 Wayne PEARCE  
 Kevin HARDWICK  
 Gary WEBSTER  
 Steve ROACH  
 Neil WHITTAKER  
 Bill HILLIARD  
 Terry REGAN

**Tries** Wayne SMITH  
 Gary COLLISON

Wayne MIRANDA  
 Olsen FILIPAINA

**Goals** Greg COX (4)

Wayne MIRANDA (1)

### Match Description

**Balmain:** Full-back: G Jack; three-quarters: W Miranda, O Filipaina, J Davidson, L Corowa; five-eighth: P Knight (c); half; B Elias; forwards: W Pearce, K Hardwick, G Webster, S Roach, N Whittaker, W Hilliard

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: S Broughton, S Anderson, R Conlon, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: G Cox; forwards: J Leis, M Duke, G Moroko, P Merlo, G Collison, B Clark **Referee: C Ward (The Sun 12th July 1982)**

Young star Ben Elias slipped from cloud nine right back down to earth as Wests ground their way to a 14-8 win over Balmain at Lidcombe yesterday. Elias tried too much individually in attempting to set up his attack, a fault that helped nullify Balmain's glut of possession. There's little doubt this talented youngster will go far in the game. Hopefully yesterday's performance will teach him a basic lesson about teamwork. While his short darting runs brought cheers from the crowd, they must have brought moans from his backline. Time and time again, Elias turned the ball back inside when an overlap was on the cards. It was a ploy that was welcomed by the hard-working Magpie forwards. Despite a lack of possession, Wests camped in Balmain territory for most of the first half yet trooped off at the break only two points ahead. Their full-back Wayne Smith scored a try from one of many bombs the Magpies tried in the opening 20 minutes. Wests looked to be controlling things when Cox converted the try and made it 7-0 with a penalty after 26 minutes. Five minutes before the break Balmain realised throwing the ball out wide would pay dividends, a move that resulted in Wayne Miranda collecting five points from a converted try after a good team effort. It looked as if Balmain had found the answer. Yet the Tigers paid the price for reverting back to tight forward switches of play that resulted in their pack continually giving the ball back with bad handling. Wests' hooker Gary Collison, who had a fine game, crossed soon after the break for a converted try to make it 12-5. **(The Sun 12th July 1982)**

A try by Western Suburbs rookie hooker Gary Collison five minutes after half-time was instrumental in Wests scoring a hard-fought 14-8 win against Balmain in their Rugby League clash at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Wests led 7-5 at the break and both sides finished with two tries. But Wests' half-back Greg Cox provided the difference with four goals from four attempts. His final effort was a 40-metre shot from centre-field two minutes from full-time and it gave the Magpies a secure six-point lead after an evenly contested second session. Magpie coach Terry Fearnley was warm in his praise for Collison and said: "He's a real trier, all guts." Collison added 34 tackles to his vital try which topped the Magpies' tackle count. Collison was playing his second successive game as stand-in for regular hooker Arthur Mountier, who has a cut nose, and Wests won both matches. Collison said he owed a lot to Mountier: "He has given me a lot of hints on how the other hookers play. I might be giving away too much, he's going so well," Mountier said. For Balmain, it was a game they let slip by forfeiting too much possession. They won the scrums 12-9 and took the penalties 12-10 but coach Frank Stanton said: "We just coughed up too much ball." **(Sydney Morning Herald 12th July 1982)**

**Notes:** A rugged forward performance, led by George Moroko, laid the foundations for a strong win. The forward pack was in total control, allowing Lamb and Smith to follow the tactic of kicking to the corners and keeping Balmain pinned. Gary Collison also had a very strong game, in place of Mountier. The win took Wests back into the top five.