



1945 Round 8 Saturday 23rd June Leichhardt Oval



Balmain 15

Bill CONLON
 Arthur PATTON (c)
 Joe JORGENSON
 Harry LEO
 Bob PATERSON
 G STOKES
 Stan PONCHARD
 Jack HAMPSTEAD
 Sid RYAN
 Colin CAMPBELL
 Jack SPENCER
 Ted MCGOVERN
 Dawson BUCKLEY

drew with

Western Suburbs 15

Dick JOHNSON
 Fred YANZ Jnr
 Eric BENNETT
 Colin MAXWELL
 Jack SNARE
 Jack RUSSELL
 Roy DREVES
 Cliff PEIME
 Jack WALSH (c)
 Arthur CLUES
 Jim SEERY
 Ray WALDON
 Wal TAYLOR



Tries

Harry LEO
 Arthur PATTON
 Stan PONCHARD

Colin MAXWELL
 Jack RUSSELL
 Jack SNARE

Goals

Joe JORGENSON (2)
 Bill CONLON (1)

Arthur CLUES (2)
 Dick JOHNSON (1) Field Goal

Match Description

Balmain: Full-back: W. Conlon; three-quarters, A. Paton, J. Jorgenson, H. Leo, B. Patterson; halves: G. Stokes, S. Ponchard; forwards, J. Hampstead, S. Ryan, C. Campbell, J. Spencer, E. McGovern, D. Buckley.

Western Suburbs: Full-back, R. Johnson; three-quarters, J. Snare, C. Maxwell, E. Bennett, F. Yanz; halves: R. Dreves, J. Russell; forwards: C. Peime, J. Walsh, A. Clues, J. Seery, R. Waldron, W. Taylor. **Referee: T McMahon (The Sun 23rd June 1945)**

Balmain were without Bourke, Parkinson and Devery and about 8000 saw Wests penalised at halfway. ... Wests had a great chance when Snare gathered a loose ball and ran to Conlon, only to miss the ball when attempting to kick. Balmain, playing with a strong wind, stayed in Wests' territory, with Maxwell failing to take a pass from Johnson, and then just beating Patton in a dive for the ball. A penalty left Wests well inside the Balmain 25 until Campbell made a great run to break clear and run to halfway. ... Patton took the ball from Peime, near the Balmain 25, and, coming to Johnson at halfway, kicked and found touch five yards from the corner. After Russell had made four attempts to get the ball into a scrum, referee McMahon called the Balmain hooker out of the next scrum and cautioned him. ... Walsh, Bennett, and Walsh again, were prominent for Wests, but another penalty took Balmain back to the West's 25. McMahon spoke to the forwards again, and then sent the hookers, McGovern and Waldron, off the field. Ryan and Walsh were cautioned, both shaking hands before resuming. Seery was raking for Wests and Buckley for Balmain. Hampstead and Leo made good runs for Balmain and as the bell rang Yanz was injured, and was still receiving treatment after the other players had left the field. Half-time Scores: Balmain nil, Wests -nil.... **(The Sun 23rd June 1945)**

Though they had lost the services of one player injured and another sent off, Western Suburbs managed to hold Balmain to a 15-all draw yesterday. Wests played the second half without F. Yanz, who fractured a collar-bone in a collision with Patton as the half-time bell rang. They really played 11 men against 12 in the second half. R. Waldron (W.S.) and E. McGovern (Balmain) had been ordered off for scrum infringements. Both players had been cautioned by referee McMahon and deserved the sentence. Balmain opened with a strong wind and the sun shining in the eyes of their rivals. The wind was so powerful that Jorgensen tried to goal from a penalty 15 yards beyond half-way. Yet Balmain failed lamentably to take advantages of the conditions. Maxwell (W.S.) was the outstanding player on the field. He tackled magnificently and backed up grandly for a reverse pass to register his try. Half-back J. Russell was brilliant at times, but faulty handling by his supports proved costly. R. Johnson's fielding, facing the sun, was impressive. Considering his side was a man short, his efforts to set the three-quarters in action were praiseworthy. Clues was easily Wests' best forward and excelled with the ball on the ground. Peime played on the wing in the second spell. W. Taylor and J. Seery ably supported Clues, particularly in the ruck. ... **(The Daily Telegraph 24th June 1945)**

Roy Dreves justified his selection with the Firsts on Saturday. Roy is a product of the Homebush Juniors. **(Rugby League News 30th June 1945)**

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Notes: Roy Dreves came back into the team in this match and there was a lot of shuffling of positions. This was a very fiery match where Wests were considered very unlucky to have a draw. Balmain ran with a very strong wind in the first half but were unable to capitalise because of ferocious Wests' tackling, particularly by Col Maxwell in the centres. Both hookers were sent off for repeated infringements and then Fred Yanz, who had been one of the star wingers in the competition, fractured his collar-bone right on half-time. Wests then played the second half with only 11 men. Even so, Wests were on top until Ponchard scored a 75 yard intercept try. This was a very gutsy effort.