



1942 Round 10 Saturday 11th July St Luke's Park



Balmain 20

Doug DOBSON
 Arthur PATTON
 Jack WINCHESTER
 Tom BOURKE
 Johnny BLISS
 Gil BOX
 Des STAPLETON
 Dawson BUCKLEY (c)
 George WATT
 Jack SPENCER
 Athol SMITH
 Fred De BELIN
 George WISE

def.

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

Western Suburbs 8

Les HOSCHKE
 Bruce BROWN
 Colin FEWTRELL
 Jack GRAHAME/KNOX
 Henry MARTIN
 Billy MORRIS
 Albert McGUINNESS (c)
 George LUCAS
 Harry GREW
 Ron CAMPBELL
 Fred McKEAN
 Edward MEWTON
 Jack HOPE



Tries

Arthur PATTON
 Jack SPENCER
 Des STAPLETON
 Jack WINCHESTER

Jack GRAHAME/KNOX
 George LUCAS

Goals

Tom BOURKE (4)

Fred MCKEAN (1)

Match Description

Balmain: Full-back: D Dobson; three-quarters: A Patton, J Winchester, T Bourke, J Bliss; Halves: G Box, D Stapleton; forwards: D Buckley (capt), G Watt, J Spencer, A Smith, F De Belin, G Wise

Western Suburbs: Full-back: L Hoschke; three-quarters: B Brown, C Fewtrell, J Grahame, H Martin; halves: W Morris, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: G Lucas, R Campbell, H Grew, F McKean, E Mewton, J Hope **Referee: J Kelly (Rugby League News 18th July 1942)**

About 1500 saw McGuinness kick off. ... Bennett was detained in camp, his place being taken by Morris. Winchester was hurt in the first few minutes of play, but soon resumed. Balmain forced the pace and from a ruck in Wests' 25 Spencer forced his way over Balmain 3 Western Suburbs nil. Then came a great Balmain try. From a scrum at half-way the ball went from Box to Bourke. He cut through the centre and sent to Winchester who scored, for Bourke to goal. Balmain 8, Wests nil. From a scrum at half-way the ball flew to Martin. He raced alongside touch for more than 30 yards before sending to Grahame who scored. Hoschke's kick failed Balmain 8, Western Suburbs 3. Wests were penalised in front and Bourke kicked an easy goal Balmain 10. Western Suburbs 3. Buckley led a Balmain rush, and Wests was penalised, Bourke kicking a great goal from the touch-line. Balmain 12. Western Suburbs 3. ... Half-time Scores: Balmain 12, Western Suburbs 3.

Balmain came with a rush, on resuming, Stapleton breaking through, and he short-kicked to Hoschke. Wests worked playback to halfway, when Box threw a long pass to Bliss, who was well grassed by McGuinness. Wests were throwing the ball about; McGuinness being stopped inches from the line. Stapleton put Balmain further ahead when he broke through to score in the corner. Bourke failed at goal. Balmain 15, Western Suburbs 3. De Belin broke away and sent to Wise who drew the defence to send to Patton who scored under the posts for Bourke to goal. Balmain 20, Western Suburbs 3. Wests were hammering Balmain's line, and as the full-time bell was ringing Lucas forced his way over for McKean to goal. Balmain 20. Western Suburbs 8. **(The Sun 11th July 1942)**

Balmain players unanimously passed a vote of confidence in their coach (W. Kelly) before yesterday's 'match at St. Luke's Oval. Led by D. Buckley, the team's fourth captain for the season, Balmain then defeated Western Suburbs 20-8. The selectors did not announce the Balmain team until 11.15 a.m. Tuesday. They dropped three players who had led the team in earlier matches this season. ... Wests were badly weakened by the absence of Eric Bennett (five-eighth) and W. Keato (full-back). Both are in camp. Wests had four penalties in Balmain's 25, but McGuinness failed at goal each time. ... **(The Daily Telegraph 12th July 1942)**

Col Fewtrell, making his reappearance after a spell, due to injuries, has been picked in the centre, and his straight, resolute running should be a feature of the game....congratulations to Jack Hope, who is making his debut in First Grade today. His display against Group 10 last Sunday was a revelation. Keep up the good work, Jack.....genial Jack Piper, front row forward and great club man, has departed for parts unknown. Best of luck, Jack. **(Rugby League News 11th July 1942)**W Brown, our hooker, who broke his leg, had put aside his crutches, and was heard to remark "It won't be long now before I am back again in my old position." **(Rugby League News 18th July 1942)**

Notes: Jack Hope made his debut and Ted Mewton went back to hooker. The loss of Jack Piper would be greatly felt; he had been one of their best forwards. Eric Bennett and Billy Keato were also big losses, being in camp. Wests went close to scoring on a number of occasions; Brown and McGuinness being pulled down inches from the line. In the end, their lack of condition again was a factor.