



1984 Round 10 Sunday 6th May Leichhardt Oval



Balmain 18

Garry JACK
 Mark LAWSON
 Simon BOOTH
 John DAVIDSON
 David FRENCH
 Gary BRIDGE
 Greg LANE
 Wayne PEARCE (c)
 Michael SCHOFIELD
 David BROOKS
 Michael MARKETO
 Neil WHITTAKER
 Steve ROACH
 Bill KAIN
 Kevin HARDWICK

def.

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

Western Suburbs 16

Wayne SMITH (c)
 Steve BROUGHTON
 Darryl TURNER
 Eddie FLAHEY
 Paul GEARIN
 Trevor COGGER
 John McARTHUR
 Matt CARTER
 Craig MADSEN
 Craig ELLIS
 John COVENEY
 Pat ENGLISH
 Garry WEBSTER
 Mark HARRIGAN
 Michael NEIL
 John COGGER



Tries

Steve ROACH
 Michael MARKETO
 Mark LAWSON

Garry WEBSTER
 Craig MADSEN
 Trevor COGGER

Goals

David BROOKS (2)
 John DAVIDSON (1)

John McARTHUR (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith (c); three-quarters: S Broughton, D Turner, E Flahey, P Gearin; five-eighth: T Cogger; half: J McArthur; forwards: M Carter, C Madsen, C Ellis, J Coveney, P English, G Webster

Balmain: Full-back: G Jack; three-quarters: M Lawson, S Booth, J Davidson, D French; five-eighth: G Bridge; half: G Lane; forwards: W Pearce (c), M Schofield, D Brooks, M Marketo, N Whittaker, S Roach **Referee: G West (The Daily Mirror 7th May 1984)**

Three sensational displays by props ear-marked Balmain's desperate 18-16 win over luckless Wests in a cracking clash at Leichhardt Oval yesterday. A high percentage of both sides' attack emanated from the bulldozing runs and subsequent passes of Balmain's Steve Roach and Wests' Gary Webster. Add to that the herculean defensive display of Wests' other prop, John Coveney, credited with a massive 46 tackles, and the game produced a high degree of quality football. Webster laid on the first try for Craig Madsen with a full-blooded burst in the eighth minute before off-loading near the uprights. Midway through the first half Roach loomed into the fray and thundered through the tackles of Madsen and Wayne Smith to score. Six minutes later, he drew the defence before popping up a pass for prop Michael Marketo to lunge over. If Wests were considered lucky to trail only 12-10 at the break, they soon justified their position with a finely-executed try created by Craig Ellis and John McArthur for Webster. With McArthur's conversion, Wests held a 16-12 lead until the last dozen minutes. Tigers' coach Frank Stanton said he replaced his uninjured second-rowers, David Brooks and Michael Schofield, and issued strong warnings to skipper Wayne Pearce to pick up his game – or else. Stanton's instructions were answered when Pearce set up, with Garry Jack, the match-winning try for Mark Lawson. **(Daily Telegraph 7th May 1984)**

Balmain scraped to an 18-16 win over a luckless Western Suburbs in their Rugby League clash at Leichhardt Oval yesterday. The Tigers won despite the efforts of Wests' prop Gary Webster, who did more than enough to give his side victory. Webster scored a try, threw the vital last pass for Wests' other two, and remained a constant threat throughout the match. Balmain winger Mark Lawson scored the winning try 14 minutes from full-time when he finished off a move in which captain Wayne Pearce and full-back Garry Jack combined to take play deep into Wests' territory. Centre John Davidson added the extras from his only attempt at goal to provide the winning points. Balmain coach Frank Stanton said his side had failed to make full use of the strong breeze in the first half. "But full credit must go to Wests; they can be proud of their effort today," Stanton said. Wests' coach Ken Gentle was puzzled by the loss. "I don't know what we've got to do to win," Gentle said. "Perhaps I need a bigger pump to pump them up with." Apart from Webster, Gentle paid tribute to his other prop John Coveney who finished with an amazing 48 tackles. Coveney also had a chance to snatch victory for the Magpies but lost the ball over the line when he seemed certain to score. **(Sydney Morning Herald 7th May 1984)**

Notes: In a very exciting, bruising game Wests were again very unlucky to lose. The Wests' pack was outstanding with ex-Balmain prop, Garry Webster, the best player on the field, closely followed by John Coveney, who led the tackle count with 48. To top it off, a John McArthur penalty goal hit the posts and rebounded and John Coveney lost the ball over the line in what seemed a certain try.