



1940 Round 13 Saturday 27th July Pratten Park



Balmain 22

Frank JOHNSON
 Colin FITZPATRICK
 Tom BOURKE
 Jack WINCHESTER
 Jack HAMPSTEAD
 Darcy KEARNEY
 John REES
 Jack REDMAN (c)
 Athol SMITH
 Bill JOHNSON
 Dawson BUCKLEY
 A BOWERY
 Frank GRIFFITHS

def.

Western Suburbs 17

Bill KEATO
 Bruce BROWN
 Cal LYNCH
 Jack WHITEHURST
 Dave COLLISS
 Jack GRAHAME/KNOX
 Albert McGUINNESS
 Max GRAY (c)
 Fred McKEAN
 Don GULLIVER
 Jack SCHUBACK
 Edward MEWTON
 Jack PIPER



Tries Jack REDMAN (4)
 Darcy KEARNEY
 John REES

Jack PIPER
 Jack SCHUBACK
 Jack WHITEHURST

Goals Frank JOHNSTON (2)

Bill KEATO (4)

Match Description

Balmain: Full-back: F Johnston; three-quarters: C Fitzpatrick, J Winchester, T Bourke, J Hampstead; halves: D Kearney, J Rees; forwards: J Redman (capt), A Smith, W Johnson, D Buckley, A Bowery, F Griffiths

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: B Brown, C Lynch, J Whitehurst, D Colless; halves: J Grahame, A McGuinness; forwards: M Gray (capt), F McKean, D Gulliver, J Schuback, E Mewton, J Piper **Referee: J McGauley (Rugby League News 3rd August 1940)**

D. Colless came into the Western Suburbs team in place of H. Allen, who is suffering from influenza. About 3000 saw McGuinness kick off. From the scrum Wests was awarded a penalty, but Keato's kick went just wide of the posts. Fitzpatrick, who was giving a good display, again put his team on the attack. Rees, Bourke and Hampstead took play to Wests' 25. Balmain was penalised about 10 yards inside its territory for Keato to land a good goal. Western Suburbs 2, Balmain nil. After a series of Balmain onslaughts, play went to Balmain's 25, where Colless caught Kearney in possession. A penalty kicked by Keato added another two points to Wests. Western Suburbs 4, Balmain nil. Balmain opened its account when Buckley secured the ball in a ruck and whipped it out to Redman, who dived over. W. Johnson failed with his kick. Western Suburbs 4, Balmain 3. Balmain went ahead when Fitzpatrick, after a neat run, sent the ball to Kearney, on to Redman, who crashed his way over in the corner for his second try. W. Johnston's kick was a "grubber." Balmain 6, Western Suburbs 4. Half-time scores: Balmain 6, Western Suburbs 4. Redman scored his third try when Rees, Winchester, and Kearney handled. Kearney lost possession. Rees pounced on the ball and returned it to Kearney. He whipped a neat pass to Redman, who crossed between the posts. Kearney missed an easy goal. Balmain scored again when McGuinness fumbled, after securing from a scrum. Rees got the ball and dived over between the posts. F. Johnston converted. Balmain 14, Western Suburbs 9. Fitzpatrick broke through brilliantly, to send Redman over for his fourth try. W. Johnson missed the goal. Balmain 17, Western Suburbs 4. A fine run was made by Fitzpatrick, who sent on to Bowery to Kearney, who crossed between the posts, F. Johnston converted. Balmain 22, Western Suburbs 4. Whitehurst dived over after an "up and under" by McGuinness. Keato converted. Balmain 22, Western Suburbs 9. Wests scored when Mewton ran through to send Schuback over. Keato converted. Balmain 22, Western Suburbs 14. Wests was over again when Schuback cut through and passed to Mewton. Keato failed with the kick. Balmain 22, Western Suburbs 17. **(The Sun 27th July 1940)**

Like the 'Gee-gees.' Western Suburbs' form is hard to follow. For the umpteenth time this season they yesterday came with a wet sail to give Balmain a pain in the pinny.'Podgy' McGuinness who never plays a bad game, stood head and shoulders over his colleagues in sheer merit. Whitehurst was dashing in attack and sound in defence. Mewton and Piper were the pick of a mediocre pack. Keato was in form with the boot, landing four goals and narrowly missing a few others. **(Truth 28th July 1940)**

...good reports of form being displayed by ex-Clubmate Jack Tisdale, who is now playing for Central Newcastle in the 'Coaly City'.....Jack Whitehurst played right up to his best form last Saturday; always dangerous when in possession, he made many penetrative bursts through the centre, whilst his defence left nothing to be desired, except possibly by his opponents. Jack added his share of three points (for a nice try) to the total in an endeavour to make up the leeway between the scores. **(Rugby League News 3rd August 1940)**

Notes: The absence of Jack Tisdale was explained; he had left for Newcastle. Wests were dreadful early and down 22-4 with ten minutes to go but rattled home and were still attacking when the bell went. McGuinness continued his great form, as did Jack Whitehurst.