



# 1937 Round 2 Saturday 24th April Leichhardt Oval



## Balmain 16

Frank JOHNSTON  
 Sid GOODWIN  
 Jim DUCKWORTH  
 Jack REDMAN  
 Arthur PATTON  
 William BISCHOFF  
 Syd CHRISTENSEN (c)  
 Stan COWIE  
 Edmund BEAVER  
 Bill JOHNSON  
 Frank GRIFFITHS  
 Bill ALEXANDER  
 Bill BALLARD

def.

## Western Suburbs 11

Jim SHARMAN  
 Ray HINES  
 Jack KNOX  
 Cliff PEARCE (c)  
 Adrian GLEESON  
 Albert McGUINESS  
 Les MEAD  
 Don MURRAY  
 Ray GILLAM  
 Don GULLIVER  
 Athol SMITH  
 Ken LOCK  
 Herbert HAAR



### Tries

Jim DUCKWORTH  
 Sid GOODWIN  
 Frank JOHNSTON  
 Jack REDMAN

Adrian GLEESON  
 Albert McGUINESS  
 Jim SHARMAN

### Goals

Syd CHRISTENSEN (1)  
 Jim DUCKWORTH (1)

Les MEAD (1)

### Match Description

**Balmain:** Full-back: F Johnston; three-quarters: S Goodwin, J Redman, J Duckworth (capt), A Patton; halves: W Bischoff, S Christensen; forwards: S Cowie, W Johnson, E Beaver, W Ballard, W Alexander, F Griffiths

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: A Gleeson, C Pearce (capt), J Knox, R Hines; halves: A McGuinness, L Mead; forwards: D Murray, R Gillam, D Gulliver, A Smith, K Lock, H Haar **Referee: A Spankie (Rugby League News 8th May 1937)**

Balmain opened on a sloppy ground before a crowd of about 2500. The play was taken to Wests' line, where Redman picked up and scored. Christensen's kick missed the uprights. Balmain 3, Western Suburbs nil. Balmain was soon attacking again, and Sharman was forced to speculate a kick. .... Then Hines started a great movement, in-passing to Mead. The ball then went to Pearce, on to Knox and Gulliver, and finally to McGuinness, who managed to dive over. Balmain 3, Wests 3. Patton had a great chance to increase Balmain's tally when he sailed for the line towards the left corner. Sharman, handling the situation coolly, saved. Shortly afterwards, Duckworth goaled. Balmain 5, Western Suburbs 3. Forcing matters, Wests' forwards carried play to Balmain's 25, where Redman got the ball and sent to Cowie. He dashed through and Goodwin, coming up, took the ball splendidly and went over for a fine try. Duckworth failed to goal. Balmain 8, Western Suburbs 3. Half-time scores.

Mead reopened play. The ball travelled swiftly to Wests' 25, where Redman was bright. Wests cleared and Johnston, Balmain's full-back, fielded. He then ran along the right wing, dummied two players, and brushed past Sharman to score. No goal resulted. Balmain 11, Western Suburbs 3. .... A Wests' movement saw Gleeson go over in the corner after Pearce had made the opening. The latter failed at goal. Balmain 11, Western Suburbs 6. .... McGuinness capped a nice bit of play by in-passing when blocked. Sharman, dashing up, gathered and scored for Mead to goal. Balmain 11, Western Suburbs 11. Duckworth cut in and scored under the posts after McGuinness had fumbled at the scrum base. Christensen goaled. Full-time scores: Balmain 16, Western Suburbs 11. **(The Sun 24th April 1937)**

Opening the score practically from the kick-off, Balmain was never headed by Wests at Leichhardt Oval yesterday, winning a bright game by 16-11. Wests charged up and down the field fiercely, to make up for losing the scrums, but Duckworth and Redman seemed to be too keen with their handling, and kept the Magpie tacklers well tested. .... **(Truth 25th April 1937)**

Ken Lock may solve a big problem for the selectors. The hooker's position has given them much concern. Ken possesses great confidence and determination to give of his best in this position..... John Shuback, who hails from Bega and has now fulfilled his residential qualifications for Western Suburbs, will be seen in action against South Sydney. Many admirers consider this forward will gain representative honours. Jack is looking forward to the trip at the weekend when Wests play Lithgow. **(Rugby League News 1st May 1937)**

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**Notes:** This was a very close game where Balmain scored the winning try in the last few minutes after a McGuinness fumble. Jack Knox moved into the centres with Mead back from injury. Ken Lock was promoted to hooker position with a big wrap on him. Jack Schuback's imminent rise to First Grade was foretold.