



1938 Round 3 Saturday 30th April Pratten Park



Balmain 57

Frank JOHNSTON
Sid GOODWIN
Frank HYDE (c)
Jack WINCHESTER
Dan LITTLE
William BISCHOFF
Jim QUEALEY
Jack REDMAN
Bill JOHNSON
Jack GORMAN
Dave MANNING
Charles MCKAY
Frank GRIFFITHS

def.

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

Western Suburbs 11

Jim SHARMAN (c)
Fred COMBER
Fred BABER
Jack KNOX
Ron KNIGHT
Colin FEWTRELL
Phil COOPER
George LUCAS
Jack SCHUBACK
Don MURRAY
Jack RUBINSON
Ray WALDON
Athol SMITH



Tries

Sid GOODWIN (2)
Jack REDMAN (2)
Jack GORMAN
Frank GRIFFITHS
Frank HYDE
Bill JOHNSON
Dan LITTLE
Jim QUEALEY
Jack WINCHESTER

Athol SMITH

Goals

Frank JOHNSTON (8)
Bill JOHNSON (4)

Jim SHARMAN (3) Dropped goals
Ron KNIGHT (1)

Match Description

Balmain: Full-back: F Johnston; three-quarters: S Goodwin, F Hyde (capt), J Winchester, D Little; halves: W Bischoff, J Quealey; forwards: J Redman, J Gorman, W Johnson, D Manning, C McKay, F Griffiths

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman (capt); three-quarters: F Comber, J Knox, F Baber, R Knight; halves: C Fewtrell, P Cooper; forwards: G Lucas, J Schuback, D Murray, A Smith, R Waldon, J Rubinson **Referee: P Lee (Rugby League News 14th May 1938)**

... Griffith came away well, gained ground, and Wests was penalised on its 25 line. This time W. Johnson landed a good goal. Balmain 2, Western Suburbs nil. Balmain was penalised and Sharman drop-kicked a goal. Balmain 2, Western Suburbs 2. Play was now exciting. Western Suburbs was penalised and W. Johnson landed a goal. Balmain 4, Western Suburbs 2. Western Suburbs brought play to Balmain's 25, where Sharman landed a spectacular drop-kick from a penalty. Balmain 4, Western Suburbs 4. Sharman stab-kicked near his own goal line, and W. Johnson picked up smartly and, after a great dash, sent a long pass to Redman, to Johnson, to Gorman, who crossed. F. Johnston converted. Balmain 9, Western Suburbs 4. Quealey, after a glorious dash from his own 25, fooled the defence, sent to Redman, who outpaced the opposition to score under the posts. F. Johnston added the extras. Balmain 14, Western Suburbs 4. Balmain was penalised under the bar and Sharman landed the goal. Half-time Scores: Balmain 14, Western Suburbs 6.

On resuming Goodwin, after a sharp intercept near half-way, scored a magnificent try for F. Johnson to convert. Balmain 19-6. Winchester picked up near halfway, cut a hole in the defence and sent to Little who scored. W. Johnson converted. Balmain 24-6. Western Suburbs was penalised just inside half-way and W. Johnson landed the goal. Balmain 26-6. Western Suburbs rallied. Knox got possession near half-way and, after a determined dash, lost possession. Smith picked up and scored. Knight converted. Balmain led, 26-11. Baber was assisted off the field, suffering from a dislocated elbow. Balmain players, Bischoff, Quealey, Winchester and Redman handled in a movement, at the end of which Redman scored. F. Johnston converted. Balmain 31, Western Suburbs 11. Goodwin figured in a grand solo dash of 60 yards. He centred, enabling Griffiths to score. F. Johnston converted. Balmain 36, Western Suburbs 11. Goodwin caught the ball in Western Suburbs' 25, and ran in, unopposed. F. Johnston missed with the kick. Balmain 39, Western Suburbs 11. Comber left the field with an injured rib. Hyde started a move, and regained the ball to score. F. Johnston converted. Balmain 44, Western Suburbs 11. Little broke loose along the left wing and outpaced the opposition to score. F. Johnston converted. Balmain 49, Western Suburbs 11. Winchester and Quealey scored tries in quick succession, F. Johnston converting one. **(The Sun 30th April 1938)**

Notes: Phil Cooper made his debut, after two years in Reserves, in place of the injured McGuiness, Fred Comber replaced the injured Adrian Gleeson but had to leave the field with an injured rib. Fred Baber also had to leave the field. One report was a dislocated elbow; another report a badly broken arm. Balmain were already on top but with Wests down to eleven men, they ran riot, giving Wests their worst defeat since 1910. The injury toll was destroying team continuity. Jim Sharman continued his habit of drop-kicking penalty kicks.