



# 1942 Round 3 Saturday 16th May Birchgrove Oval



## Balmain 24

Doug DOBSON  
 Jack HAMPSTEAD  
 J O'DONNELL  
 Frank DRIES  
 Tom BOURKE  
 Oliver DUCKWORTH  
 Jim QUEALEY (c)  
 Athol SMITH  
 George WATT  
 Dawson BUCKLEY  
 Ralph ROSS  
 Fred De BELIN  
 Frank SCHULTZ

def.

## Western Suburbs 12

John "Jack" WILSON  
 Colin FEWTRELL  
 Ron HILL  
 Les HOSCHKE  
 Bruce BROWN  
 Colin McLAURIN  
 Albert McGUINNESS (c)  
 George LUCAS  
 Fred McKEAN  
 Ron CAMPBELL  
 Jack SCHUBACK  
 William BROWN  
 Jack PIPER



### Tries

Tom BOURKE  
 Dawson BUCKLEY  
 J O'DONNELL  
 George WATT

Bruce BROWN  
 Colin McLAURIN

### Goals

J O'DONNELL (3)  
 Jim QUEALEY (3)

Albert McGUINNESS (2)  
 John "Jack" WILSON (1)

### Match Description

**Balmain:** Full-back: D Dobson; three-quarters: J Hampstead, J O'Donnell, F Dries, T Bourke; halves: O Duckworth, J Quealey (capt); forwards: A Smith, G watt, D Buckley, R Ross, F De Belin, F Schultz

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Wilson; three-quarters: B Brown, R Hill, L Hoschke, C Fewtrell; halves: R McLaurin, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: G Lucas, F McKean, R Campbell, J Schuback, W Brown, J Piper **Referee: A Shiner (Rugby League News 23rd May 1942)**

Over 400 spectators saw the president of the Rugby League (Mr. H. Flegg) unfurl the club championship pennant won by Balmain. .. In a devastating burst, Balmain scored 12 points in the first four minutes of the second half and beat Western Suburbs 24 to 12. In this purple patch Bourke and O'Donnell crossed and O'Donnell kicked three goals. Wests had looked a winning side when leading 7-6 at half-time. Official attendance was 3870. Western Suburbs hooker W. Brown, who played for Balmain last year, beat Watt for the ball. This gave McGuinness plenty of scope. He saw that the ball reached the wingers, Fewtrell and B. Brown. Athol Smith was Balmain's best forward. D. Dobson never made a mistake at full-back for Balmain. Western Suburbs full-back J. Wilson was chosen for the third team, but ably substituted for Thompson after playing in the reserve-grade match. **(The Sun 17th May 1942)**

The League game at Birchgrove was full of thrills, mainly from Balmain players, who were always on the ball and frequently intercepted passes. Fast, but clean, play and pretty passing movements were features of the game, and Wests carried out their share. But when a pass was dropped, a swarm of 'Tigers' took control and moved goal-wards. Wests led at the interval by 7 to 6, a true indication of the even strength of the teams till then, but in the second term Balmain broke through by superior pace and scored their points in quick succession. The respective captains, Quealey and McGuinness stood out in tactical play, and Hoschke and Fewtrell made some fine runs for Wests. **(Truth 17th May 1942)**

The first half was marred by continual breaches. Balmain was always in the ascendancy after the interval, displaying splendid teamwork. The former Balmain hooker, W Brown, playing his initial first grade game with Western Suburbs, gave his backs the ball from the scrums, outplaying his rival G Watt. Western Suburbs lacked combination, and McGuinness played a fine individual game, was without support. Wilson, who had played in the early game, was an exception. Balmain forwards, headed by A Smith and F De Belin out-rucked their rivals. Wests' most hard-working forwards were F McKean and J Schuback. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 18th May 1942)**

Several changes have been made in our First-Grade side: J Piper, J Schuback and R Campbell, First Graders of last season, have been included; also, W Brown, the ex-Balmain hooker, who is now qualified for this district. **(Rugby League News 16th May 1942)**

**Notes:** Wests fielded a radically changed team, basically due to injuries; players out injured and others coming back. John Wilson was originally selected as Third Grade full-back, played in Reserves, and then backed up in Firsts and went well! William Brown made his debut against his team of the previous year and won the scrums well. Colin McLaurin also debuted. "Podgy" McGuinness played his usual brilliant game and Fred McKean continued to enhance his reputation as a strong forward. The game was lost just after the break (Wests 7-6) where Balmain scored 12 points in 4 minutes. Wests never recovered after that.