

# Steve Satterly

..... came up through the Balmain junior representative teams, playing S G Ball and Jersey Flegg. He was graded with the Tigers in 1969 and in his first year he was a member of the Balmain Third Grade team which played in the Finals series.

He played nearly all of his junior rugby league in the five-eighth position. Steve believes that he was best suited in the no. 6 jersey but over the years developed into a utility player adapting to most positions in the back line as needs determined.

Steve played lower grades with Balmain in 1970 before making his First Grade debut off the bench in 1971. He replaced five-eighth, Peter Fardell in a round ten game against Canterbury.

THIRD GRADE: FIRST SEMI-FINAL	
CANTERBURY	BALMAIN
(Blue and White) Coach: MALCOLM CLIFT	(Sky Blue, Black and White Bands) Coach: PETER ARMSTRONG
1—Ray HENRY	Fullbacks: Ron WICKS—14
2—Terry LEE	Threequarters: Colin MOSS—15
3—Russell MATTHEWS	Arthur FOGG—16
4—Keith HARDY	Gwil BARNES—17
5—Bill PALMER	Ron LEIS—18
6—Terry COLLINS	Five-eighths: Ron LOOMES—19
7—Bruce CONNEELEY	Halves: John McGEEHAN—20
8—Ray WINDSHUTTLE	Forwards: Jim BRAGG—21
9—Alan WELLS	Geoff CORFIELD—22
10—Brian ROWE	John SCHMITZER—23
11—Brian WEDGEWOOD	Ern CLINGAN—24
12—Brian PHILLIS (C)	Peter BOULTON—25
13—George LEADER	Dave McFARLANE—26
L. Graham (55), J. Michaels (36), R. Jenvey (58), G. Stewart (50), S. Hall (47).	Reserves: Greg Christensen (27), Ken Hanneman (28), Frank Brownlee (29), Ed King (30), Allan Brown (31), Steve Satterley (32), Vic Davis (33), Don Mills (34), Graham Jurd (35).

Steve Satterly (No. 32) listed as a reserve for the Balmain 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade team – 1969 Semi Finals

Canterbury		v	Balmain	
15		-	3	
TEAMS				
Les JOHNS	1	FB	1	Bob SMITHIES
Ray STRUDWICK	2	W	2	Paul CROSS
Johnny GREAVES (c)	3	C	3	Ron PALMER
Johnny RHODES	4	C	4	Geoff STARLING
Rod JACKSON	5	W	5	Len KILLEEN
Alan BURWELL	6	FE	6	Peter FARDELL
Les HUTCHINGS	7	HB	7	Keith OUTTEN (c)
Steve CALDER	8	L	8	John SPENCER
Neville HORNERY	9	2R	9	Dennis TUTTY
Ron COSTELLO	10	2R	10	Greg FRYER
John ARMSTRONG	11	FR	11	Terry CROSS
Bill NOONAN	24	HK	12	Peter BOULTON
Dennis MANTEIT	13	FR	13	Garry LEO
Graham HERRING	23	B	19	Steve SATTERLEY
		B	21	Olaf PRATTL

Steve Satterly's First Grade Debut with Balmain - Round 10, 1971

Steve's first run on appearance with Balmain was in round fourteen of 1971 against Newtown. He came into the side as a replacement for Len Killeen on the wing. Killeen was Balmain's goal kicker and leading point scorer in 1971. Steve, also a goal kicker, was an ideal replacement for Len Killeen.

It was a memorable match for Steve, in that he kicked seven goals from nine attempts to give Balmain a narrow 26-23 win over Newtown. Steve says that he received the Frank Hyde “man of the match” award for his efforts in this game.




He finished the season as a regular member of the Balmain First Grade team notching up nine games in the top grade, scoring one try and kicking twenty eight goals.

There is no question that Steve was a Balmain boy and under the right circumstances he would have remained with the Balmain club. However he indicated that the contract on offer by Balmain for the 1972 season was not great and that he was given 24 hours to decide, as the Secretary of Balmain at the time, Kevin Humphries, was heading overseas and wanted the matter finalised.

An opportunity came up at Wests and Steve decided to make the move. He entered into a three year contract with Wests and enjoyed the comradery of his team mates.

He played three Pre Season Wills Cup games in 1972 and in his first game he was selected to play five-eighth alongside Tom Raudonikis. In the next two Wills Cup games Steve was at fullback. However when the competition commenced he found himself in Reserve Grade.

It wasn't until round four that Steve made his First Grade debut with Wests. In another interesting selection he was paired with Stephen Knight in the centres.

WESTERN SUBURBS		1972 Round 4 Sunday 16th April Lidcombe Oval		WESTERN SUBURBS	
		<b>Western Suburbs 13</b>	<b>def.</b>	<b>Canterbury-Bankstown 9</b>	
	Russell MULLINS	<i>Fullback</i>	Chris ANDERSON	John RHODES	
	Don ROGERS	<i>Wing</i>	Alan BURWELL	Peter Van GULIK	
	Stephen KNIGHT	<i>Centre</i>	Bernie CROWTHER	Ray STRUDWICK	
	Stephen SATTERLY	<i>Centre</i>	Phil YOUNG	Ron RAPER	
	Allan ASHMORE	<i>Wing</i>	Neville HORNER	Mick TRYPAS	
	John HEYWARD	<i>Five-eighth</i>	Ron COSTELLO (c)	Greg PURCELL	
	Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)	<i>Half</i>	Henry TATANA		
	John BAKER	<i>Lock</i>			
	John ELFORD	<i>Second Row</i>			
	Olaf PRATTL	<i>Second Row</i>			
	John O'BRYAN	<i>Front Row</i>			
	Jim CROUCHER	<i>Hooker</i>			
	John WALKER	<i>Front Row</i>			
George SKEERS	<i>Replacement</i>				
Russell JOHNSTONE	<i>Replacement</i>				
<b>Tries</b>	Don ROGERS George SKEERS Jim CROUCHER		Ron RAPER		
<b>Goals</b>	Stephen SATTERLY (2)		Ron RAPER (3)		

Steve Satterly's First Grade debut with Wests – Round 4, 1972

A match summary of that game is recorded on the Wests Archive web site;

*“Wests’ selectors took the axe to the normal team, dropping for the first time Ken Stonestreet and Barry Bryant, as well as Tony Ford, Brian Winney (making way for the previously injured John Heyward) and Russ Johnstone. Allan Ashmore (who had played under the name of Aitken in the trials), ex-Canberra Rugby Union, debuted on the wing, along with Stephen Satterly (ex-Balmain) in the centres.”*

Source: [westsarchives.com.au](http://westsarchives.com.au)

Steve played four games in the centres before being selected for two games on the wing. He was then back in Reserve Grade before finding himself on the bench for three games. He was brought back into First Grade at the end of the season and finished the year in good form.

It was a difficult year for Steve as Don Rogers and Russell Mullins had a strong hold on the wing positions and Tony Ford was a prolific goal kicker at fullback. When Tony Ford was out injured, Steve received his chance to play First Grade. He very capably became the First Grade goal kicker in the absence of Ford.

In 1973, Don Rogers had gone across to Canterbury which opened up an opportunity for players such as Steve Satterly. Once again he found himself in Reserve Grade at the start of the season with Alan Ashmore and Robbie Parker being preferred to pair with Russell Mullins on the opposite wing. However, Steve was called up to First Grade in round nine and played out the season, notching up fourteen First Grade appearances.

Steve played his final year with Wests in 1974 and arguably it was his best season in premiership rugby league. He was selected on the bench for two Pre Season Cup games and played in an AMCO Cup match at the start of the year.

Steve, as he had in previous seasons, started in Reserve Grade but by round three was called up to First Grade. From that point on, he played every game in Firsts, including two semi-finals and a preliminary final which was eventually lost to Easts.

WESTERN SUBURBS		1974 Prelim. Final Saturday 14th September Cricket Ground		WESTERN SUBURBS	
Eastern Suburbs 25		def.	Western Suburbs 2		
Russell FAIRFAX		<b>Fullback</b>	John DORAHY		
Jim PORTER		<b>Wing</b>	Stephen SATTERLY		
John BRASS		<b>Centre</b>	Stephen KNIGHT		
Mark HARRIS		<b>Centre</b>	Robbie PARKER		
Bill MULLINS		<b>Wing</b>	Russell MULLINS		
John PEARD		<b>Five-eighth</b>	Russell WORTH		
John MAYES		<b>Half</b>	Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)		
Ron COOTE		<b>Lock</b>	Warren SNODGRASS		
Barry REILLY		<b>Second Row</b>	Mick LIUBINSKAS		
Laurie FREIER		<b>Second Row</b>	Geoff FOSTER		
Arthur BEETSON (c)		<b>Front Row</b>	Pat HUNDY		
Elwyn WALTERS		<b>Hooker</b>	John PURCELL		
Ken JONES		<b>Front Row</b>	Brian ISBESTER		
Ian MCKAY		<b>Replacement</b>	John ELFORD		
Greg BANDIERA		<b>Replacement</b>	Graeme O'GRADY		

1974 comes to an end for Wests in the Preliminary Final against Easts

A match summary of that game is recorded on the Wests Archive web site;

*"The dream of a Grand Final was crushed by a powerful second half display by Easts. Their backline ran riot after being in front only 3-2 at half-time. John Dorahy had a try disallowed in the first half and Mark Harris, for Easts, controversially had a try disallowed right on half-time. The critical point for Wests was in the 48th minute when John Dorahy broke his hand and was replaced by Graeme O'Grady. The backline became very unsettled and couldn't cope with the Easts' attack. John Elford also came on for Brian Isbester, but by then it was a lost cause. After all the earlier injuries, it had been a remarkable effort to make the Final."*

Source: [westsarchives.com.au](http://westsarchives.com.au)

This was Steve Satterly's last game with Wests. During his three seasons with Wests he played fifty First Grade, twenty one Reserve Grade, three Pre Season Cup and one AMCO Cup games. He scored twenty one tries, kicked forty three goals for a tally of one hundred and forty nine points in all grades.

Satterly	Stephen	1972	13															2	16		38
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Satterly	Stephen	1972					3												5		10
Satterly	Stephen	1973	14															4	4		20
Satterly	Stephen	1973		5														3	13		35
Satterly	Stephen	1974	23															8			24
Satterly	Stephen	1974		5														2	1		8
Satterly	Stephen	1974							1									1			3
			50	21	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	43	0	149

Steve Satterly's Playing Record at Wests

Steve did intend to play on with Wests in 1975 and attended pre-season training. He recalls that there were changes being made to player import rules for the 1975 season but was of the view that an agreement had been reached in late 1974 with Wests which would provide for a new three year contract. This did not materialise and in early 1975, Steve was advised that Wests would not renew his contract.

The Ryde-Eastwood Club which played in the Sydney Second Division competition were looking for players at that time. The Ryde club had considerable success over successive years and were competing against first division and country regional teams in the AMCO Cup competition in 1975.

Steve played at five-eighth in the first AMCO Cup match against Southern Division with Ryde defeating the country boys 17-16. Steve won the "man of the match" award, which was a colour television presented by Ray Warren. In the second match, Ryde were defeated 0-34 by eventual Sydney premiers Eastern Suburbs. By comparison, Easts defeated St George 38-0 in the 1975 Grand Final.

<b>SOUTHERN DIVISION v RYDE EASTWOOD at 1.15</b>	
(Black & Gold Bars) Coach: Ray CORKERAY	(Red with White Stripes) Coach: Laurie FAGAN
Fullback: Stan RALPH (Woyong) — 1	Fullback: 1 — Ron LEIS
Threequarters: Kim PATRICK (C'town City) — 2	Threequarters: 2 — Peter MOY
Michael CRONIN (G'gong) — 3	3 — Ken HOGG
Bill MONIE (Woy Woy) — 4	4 — Ern GILLON
Ray HENRY (C'town Warr.) — 5	5 — Jim WILLDING
Five-eighth: John GLACHAN (Woyong) — 6	Five-eighth: 6 — Steve SATTERLY
Halfback: Merv VEITCH (Wirilla) — 7	Halfback: 7 — Lindsay BURTONWOOD
Forwards: Trevor ANDREWS (Erina) (Capt) — 8	Forwards: 8 — John BARRETT
John CRONIN (G'gong) — 9	9 — John KING
Kevin Le-Jeune (C'town City) — 10	10 — Dominic DRADY
Jim HALL (Erina) — 11	11 — Gordon FRASER (Capt)
Ian BRIDGE (Woyong) — 12	12 — Bob HAYDON
Phil FLACK (The Oaks) — 13	13 — Col PARDY
Reserves: Steve MCKENZIE (Woy Woy) — 14	Reserves: 14 — Greg BRENNAN
John LUMSDEN (Jamberoo) — 15	15 — Alan GOLLAN
Ray DODD (C'town City) — 16	16 — Garry GEAR
Norm POUNDER (Gosford) — 17	17 — John GIBSON
Referee: Tommy GUSTAF	Touch Judge: R. HORN (Ryde)
	C. THOMSON (Blair)

1975 AMCO CUP Round 1

<b>RYDE-EASTWOOD v EASTERN SUBURBS</b>	
(Red with White Stripes) Coach: Laurie FAGAN	(Red, White, Blue) Coach: Jack GIBSON
Fullback: Ron LEIS — 1	Fullback: 1 — Russell FAIRFAX
Threequarters: Warren JARRETT — 2	Threequarters: 2 — Bruce PICKETT
Ken HOGG — 3	3 — John COLE
Steve SATTERLY — 4	4 — Ian SCHUBERT
Jim WILLDING — 5	5 — Bill MULLINS
Five-eighth: Ernie GILLON — 6	Five-eighth: 6 — John PEARD (Capt.)
Halfback: Lindsay BURTONWOOD — 7	Halfback: 7 — John MAYES
Forwards: John BARRETT — 8	Forwards: 8 — Kevin STEVENS
John KING — 9	9 — Barry REILLY
Dominic DRADY — 10	10 — Dennis TUTTY
(Capt.) Gordon FRASER — 11	11 — Grant HEDGER
Bob HEYDON — 12	12 — Peter MOSCATT
John ARKINSTALL — 13	13 — Ken JONES
Reserves: Greg BRENNAN — 14	Reserves: 14 — Trevor BARNES
Ian MCGUIRE — 15	15 — Les HAYES
Allan GOLLIN — 16	16 — Kel SHERRY
Graham DELL — 17	17 — Greg BANDIERA

1975 AMCO CUP Round 2

The Ryde-Eastwood First Grade team won the Sydney Second Division Grand Final in 1975 but Steve did not play in that game. He started the season well but a debilitating knee injury saw him on the sideline for a good part of the season. He came back towards the end of the year and played for Ryde-Eastwood in the Reserve Grade Grand Final. He retired from rugby league at the end of 1975.

After finishing his football career, Steve Satterly concentrated on his career. He initially trained as a Carpenter but moved into Project Management with commercial builders, A W Edwards. He spent 47 years with the Western Sydney company and has lived nearby in the outer western suburbs.