



1914 Round 13 Saturday 15th August Birchgrove Oval



Balmain 39

def.

Western Suburbs 8

Lyall WALL
 Jack ROBINSON
 H MURPHY
 William KELLY
 P BURNS
 W GREEN
 Albert JOHNSTON
 D CRANSTON
 Bill SCHULTZ
 George CUMMINS
 Herb JOHNSON
 Horace BALKWELL (c)
 Frank MOORE

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

Rupert UPTON
 Harold SLY
 Cecil FOORD
 Henry NAYLOR (c)
 Henry McILLMURRAY
 Charlie COLLIER
 James NICHOLSON
 Charles ROTHWELL
 Martin ANDERSEN
 Daniel FREEMAN
 Fred LANE
 Clarrie TYE
 Arthur GILLETT
 Frank HOLT



Tries

William KELLY (4)
 Herb JOHNSON (2)
 Horace BALKWELL
 P BURNS
 George CUMMINS

Frank HOLT
 Charles ROTHWELL

Goals

George CUMMINS (2)
 Horace BALKWELL (1)
 W GREEN (1)
 Frank MOORE (1)
 Lyall WALL (1 field goal)

Charlie COLLIER (1)

Match Description

Balmain: L Wall, full-back; J Robinson, H Murphy, W Kelly and P Burns, three-quarters; W Green, five-eighth; A Johnson, half-back; F Moore, H Baulkwell, H Johnston, G Cummins, S Schultz and D Cranston, forwards

Western Suburbs: R Upton, full-back, H McIlmurray, C Foord, H G Naylor and H Sly, three-quarters; C Collier, five-eighth; J Nicholson, half-back; A Gillett, C Tye, F Lane, W E Anderson, C Rothwell and J Freeman, forwards **T Dickinson, referee (The Referee 19th August 1914)**

At half-time Balmain led by 19 to 3. For the winners Kelly (4), Burns, Johnston (2), Cummins and Baulkwell scored tries. Green, Baulkwell and Moore converted tries, and Wall kicked a field goal. For the losers Rothwell and Holt scored tries, and Collier kicked a penalty.

Shortly after the kick-off, Kelly secured at centre, and after punting crossed. Cummins converted. The visitors replied with a strong charge, which resulted in Rothwell scoring. The Black and Gold were in scoring humour, and combined splendidly. The visitors were represented by five players from the lower grade, and often the defenders were out of position, which facilitated the scoring of the locals. Tries were scored in rapid succession by Burns, Johnston, Kelly and Johnston, the last mentioned converted by Cummins. After the interval Balmain again proved too fast and clever for the weak opposition, and registered 19 points. Cummins, Kelly (2) and Baulkwell scored tries, Green, Baulkwell and Moore kicking goals. The game terminated with Wall kicking a field goal. Holt, who had replaced Gillett prior to the interval, scored a try, and Collier kicked a penalty for Western Suburbs. **(Sunday Times 16th August 1914)**

Western Suburbs had to draw five players from Second Grade, and with E Courtney in Melbourne, they were much weaker than usual. **(The Referee 19th August 1914)**

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Notes: Wests had to field a severely weakened team due to injuries. Five Second Graders were called up, including Frank Holt, Charles Rothwell and Daniel Freeman. Freeman and Rothwell had both been scoring tries in Second Grade. The full-back Rupert Upton had not been playing Second Grade and was likely a junior given a run. The previous match where Wests had beaten Balmain, William Kelly was absent due to his mother's death. They obviously missed him on that day, Tedda Courtney was also missing, playing a representative game for NSW against England, unusually played in Melbourne.