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## \$50,000 IN THE RED!

### Tennis club's staggering 2-year loss

By REG BARRETT

"You might catch one here tonight."  
Details of the club's deficits will be given to members in detail at the annual meeting on May 26.

The Balmain and District Tennis Social Club Limited has lost a staggering \$43,994 in the past financial year.

Added to last year's deficit of \$6,355 the club has lost \$50,349 in two years trading, despite a vast bank of poker machines.

The losses are among the biggest for any club in N.S.W.

Two directors resigned from the club during the year.

But the Leichhardt mayor, Alderman Les Rodwell, and the local member for Balmain, Mr. Roger Degen, have stayed on. However, they are two of the three elected patrons and not directors.

#### REFUSED

The secretary manager of the club, Mr. Eric Slater, refused to discuss the club's finances when spoken to by The Link this week.

"I'm not saying anything," he said.  
"Why do you want to know, anyway?"  
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"You'll have to talk to one of the directors."

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## Association to back 'rebel' group

The Balmain Association has promised physical and financial help to the people trying to get a smaller Balmain council.

At a meeting of the breakaway group at the Town Hall on Monday night, the secretary of the association, Margaret Dobson, gave Alderman N. Origlass, leader of the group, the promise of support.

The association would help with the petition to the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Jensen, she said, and would give money too.

The meeting heard a report from Ald. Origlass on the estimated financial situation of the breakaway council.

He estimated that with a rate of 1.99 cents in the dollar on the unimproved value, revenue would total \$2,718,040. Other income would be \$661,590, making a total of \$3,379,630.

Other incomes, and expenditure, for the sake of the estimates has been taken as being a third of the figures for Leichhardt council. Full costs have been included for local services, such as the Dawn Fraser pool, and the wharves

and jetties, which are peculiarly Balmain.

Expenditure is estimated at \$2,463,850, leaving a healthy surplus of \$915,780.

The figure includes \$306,000 for interest on bank overdraft, loan repayments and interest, superannuation, long service leave and gratuities, meals on wheels, sick and long service pay reserve, and town planning reserve.

Of the surplus, \$160,000 would be needed to make the Town Hall fit for use as council chambers, including a lift, renovation of the grounds and first floors and outfitting.

The meeting finalised the form of the petition to the Minister, and it will be circulated throughout the Balmain Rozelle area in a week's time.

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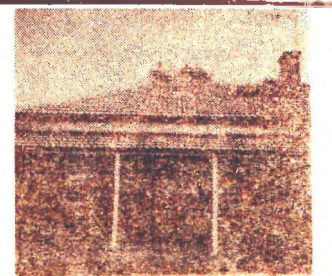
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## Residents may be able to pay rates at Post Office

### Leichhardt Council will consider allowing residents to pay their rates at Post Offices.

The matter will be discussed at the next Leichhardt Council meeting.

It follows a decision by the N.S.W. Government to amend the local Government Act.

The Minister for Local Government, Mr. Harry Jensen, announced details of the scheme this week.

Under the new proposal approved by the Government residents can pay

their rates and other money owing to councils at Post Offices.

Each suburban council will decide whether to accept the scheme.

"Australia Post has been approaching councils seeking appointment as agents for collecting moneys, including rates," Mr. Jensen said.

"The matter has been fully examined, and action will be taken to implement the proposal by amendment to the appropriate Ordinance.

"This will provide that receipt of moneys received by Australia Post at an official post office as agents for a council may be acknowledged by the officers authorised to receive moneys by stamping the original and office copy of the rate notice or account with the official stamp of the post office showing the date of receipt.

"Each Council will be able to decide whether it wishes to appoint Australia Post as its agent," the Minister added.

### NO BRIDGE DECISION

"The State Government has made no decision as yet in regard to the proposed bridge from Abbotsford Point to Gladesville." Mr. Michael Maher, M.L.A., Member for Drummoyne, said this week.

Mr. Maher directed a question on notice in State Parliament to the Minister for Transport and Highways concerning the proposed bridge.

The Minister informed Mr. Maher that the Urban Transport Advisory Committee is at present reviewing all transport corridors in the metropolitan area.



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## Two winners at meeting

Four Hunters Hill Bridge Club members did very well at the Blackheath convention.

Mrs. E. Ahrens & Mrs. P. Miley were both outright winners, and two other members a consolation third.

Results of last week's sessions were: C., Molloy & M. Cummings.

N-S J. So & C. Fisher 1, and B. Durham & P. Moroney 2.

E-W W. Wall & T. Simmons 1, M. Alvarez & C. Smith 2.

The beginners class resumed last Tuesday and is now entering the final phase.

A reminder that the club open pairs will be held on May 22.



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Mrs. Olive Nancarrow won the annual title of mother of the club, at last Sunday's Mother's Day function.

Trophy winners were: T. Pogson, O. Nancarrow and W. Banbury, O. Cameron, W. White, K. Dwyer.

Results: Makor singles K. Dwyer. Holroyd Hcp. singles F. Martin. Fours Championship round one winners R. Keating, A. Shade, R. Terry, H. Leo, T. Acroll, K. Hunt, R. Peters, G. Travers.

Tickets are \$5 a double for the supper dance on May 14.

Wednesday is men's and women's, Saturday is the triples titles and Sunday is President's Day.

## Hospital plans to raise cash

The Balmain Hospital Auxiliary will hold two fund-raising functions this month.

The first will be a morning tea at Fidden Hall on May 11 at 9.30 a.m.

The second will be a mini-market on the corner of Mort and Darling Streets, on Saturday at 8 a.m.

These mini-markets are proving a huge success and attracting wide patronage.

The last mini-market two weeks ago was busy from the 8 a.m. start until noon.

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## Glass collection service breaks down

The recently introduced free service to collect glass bottles from Balmain homes, is faltering through lack of support.

A spokesman for the organisers said this week the scheme needed much greater support from residents if it was to survive.

Leichhardt Council, in conjunction with local merchant Bottle Buyers Pty. Ltd. and ACI Limited, agreed to provide the service on a three months trial basis.

The collection is made on the third Wednesday of each month to homes in the area bounded by Victoria Road, Darling Street and the harbour front.

The bottles are collected by members of the First Balmain Scout Group, who use the pro-

ceeds to support their work in the community.

Although response to the scheme was disappointing last month, organisers are hoping for a better reaction this month.

Collection will be made on May 18, and residents are asked to put out their bottles on the night of May 17.

The recycling of the bottles is a valuable contribution towards saving raw materials, as the glass bottles can either be refilled, or melted down in the manufacture of new bottles.

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# Fun and games! HOLIDAY PLAY CENTRES

The N.S.W. Department of Sport and Recreation has organised a fun and games school holiday in Leichhardt.

Creative fun sessions have been arranged at vacation play centres in association with the local council.

Vacation play centres provide a healthy, enjoyable atmosphere during the holidays with a wide variety of activities which include games, dancing, arts and crafts,

bushwalking, excursions, singing, displays and concerts.

Everything from chess to cricket is included in the games which cater for the very active child and for those who prefer less strenuous activities.

The centres will operate from May 16 to May 20, between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., and will be open to children aged from five to fifteen.

Children will be free to come and go as they please and the minimum of discipline will be applied.

Trained staff will be on hand at each centre to provide information and assistance when required.

The director of the Department of Sport and Recreation, Mr. C. L. Bayliss, said vacation play centres are intended to cater for the social and physical development of children and to cater for their individual interests and needs.

"Vacation play centres are for fun, as well as giving boys and girls some basic background in sport, recreation and good citizenship," he said.

Vacation play centres in the Leichhardt Municipality will be held at Marrickville, Balmain Primary School, Gladstone Park, Balmain and Kegworth Primary School, Tebutt Street, Leichhardt.

The Member for Balmain, Mr. Roger Degen, said this week the N.S.W. Govern-

ment had approved an \$8,000 grant for an adventure playground at Styles Street, Leichhardt.

The grant, which was made through the Government's special unemployment relief programme, was announced by the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr. Booth.

"The total cost of the project is estimated at \$14,500 and Leichhardt Municipal Council will contribute the remainder," Mr. Degen said.

Mr. Degen said the provision of the new facilities would generate additional employment in an area with a high level of unemployment.

## \$205,000 for school project

The Member for Balmain, Mr. Roger Degen, announced recently that work would soon begin on major renovations at Leichhardt Public School.

Mr. Degen said he had been advised by the Minister for Education, Mr. Eric Bedford, that about \$205,000 had been set aside for the project.

Mr. Degen said: "I understand the work is to be undertaken in three stages.

"I am hopeful the first stage, consisting of external maintenance and electrical work, will be almost completed by the end of June.

"The other stages consist of internal maintenance, paving and internal painting."

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# Green light on signs

## Council ignores State warning

By ANDREW LANGLEY

Leichhardt Council has ignored growing alarm over the affect of advertising hoardings on the environment, and their contribution to traffic accidents, by allowing eight huge panels to be erected in the municipality.

Council has approved an application from Australian Posters Pty. Ltd. to erect the panels on the property of the Public Transport Commission.

The hoardings will be put up at:

★ Balmain Road, Leichhardt, opposite Moore Street.

★ Corner Balmain Road and Lilyfield Road, Leichhardt.

★ Balmain Road, Leichhardt, next to railway underpass.

★ Lilyfield Road, Rozelle, opposite Hutcheson Street.

★ Railway overpass at Railway Parade near Bayview Street.

★ Charles Street, Leichhardt, near railway overpass.

★ Balmain Road, Leichhardt, opposite Brenan Street.

★ Balmain Road, Leichhardt, corner Brenan Street.

The committee will be considering all forms of outdoor advertising including advertisements on buildings and moving vehicles, identification signs, on-site advertisements, temporary signs and directional signs.

The contribution advertising hoardings make to traffic accidents will also be investigated.

A statement from Mr. Landa's department claims the hoardings could create po-

tential traffic hazards.

A suggestion that advertising signs should not be allowed at sharp bends, pedestrian crossings and intersections where drivers need to take extra care is being investigated.

The Department of Main Roads, with the co-operation of councils, has already restricted signposting within 200 metres of freeways and other access roads that would be visible to travellers on the freeway.

Traffic authorities are also concerned that a multiplicity of advertising signs on roads could lessen the impact of traffic signs.

### CONCERNED

The committee is also concerned about advertising and the environment.

"The effect of an advertising sign on the pleasantness of an area is very important" the statement said.

"The design of the sign and its location should be examined to determine the sign's effect on the existing environment."

Many directional signs along main roads to motels, etc., are unsightly and add to the despoilation of the environment, the department claimed.

### SYMBOLS

A system of symbols for motels, service stations, caravan parks, etc., could be introduced along main traffic routes between towns and cities to indicate to the driver that he is approaching such a facility.

A further alternative could be information bays at the approaches to cities and towns.



Signs of the times . . .

## School plan put off again—MLA

Construction of additional library facilities, classrooms and administration areas at Dobroyd Point Public School have been postponed although the proposed western freeway through Haberfield has been cancelled.

Previous applications to have the school facilities built were denied because the area was affected by the proposed freeway.

The reason given for the new delay is that the school's other needs have a higher priority.

Mr. Michael Maher, MLA Minister for Drummoyne, raised the question of Dobroyd Point School in State Parliament.

The Minister for Education, Mr. Eric Bedford, told Mr. Maher that additional facilities would only be considered when higher priorities in the region had been satisfied.

"I am most disappointed with Mr. Bedford's reply. Dobroyd Point School has been overlooked for many years because the site was af-

### Maher upset over decision

ected by the proposed expressway," Mr. Maher said.

Mr. Maher intends to meet the Parents and Citizens' Association to plan future representations.

He has asked the Minister to have his officers reconsider the school's needs.

In a statement this week Mr. Maher said: "The Department of Education has accorded high priority to supply of a single portable classroom for English as a second language course at the school."

### REVIEW

Council's decision to allow the hoardings to be erected coincides with a N.S.W. Government review of advertising panels and their effects on the community.

The Minister for Planning and Environment, Mr. Paul Landa, this week announced the appointment of an Outdoor Advertising Policy Committee.

"The committee is calling for representations from the public, interested organisations and the advertising industry to help in its review of all forms of outdoor advertising in the State," Mr. Landa said.

## New election candidate

Stephen Leslie has resigned as secretary of the Drummoyne branch of the A.L.P. to contest the Drummoyne Council elections in September.

Although only 28, Mr. Leslie has been active in municipal affairs for many years. In 1973 he founded the Drummoyne Resi-

dents' Action Group to fight the spread of excessive home unit development in Drummoyne, Abbotsford and Five Dock.

"The Labor Party is dedicated to the principle that the residents must be involved in all planning matters and Council decisions," Mr. Leslie said this week.

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# Peninsula People: a Link weekly feature

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Six men have worked together in the same butcher shop in Drummoyne for a total of 200 years!

The shop is Dockers Superior Meats, in Victoria Road, near Lyons Road.

## Double century for the boys in the friendly butcher's shop

By ADRIAN ROBERTS

A front-runner in the two-century "steaks" is owner Jim Docker Sr., with 47 years.

Neck-and-neck is genial Jack Dyson, also with 47 years' service.

Jack Dyson is Jim Docker Sr.'s brother-in-law.

Jim Docker Jr. joined his father in the business 26 years ago.

### JOKER

Jovial Jim Luckey — well-known for his string of jokes — has been with Dockers for 28 years.

Dockers could well be known among the customers as "the Luckey country."

A year after Jim Luckey joined the Dockers, his son, Barry, began work at the shop and is still there 27 years later.

Next, young Brian Luckey showed interest in becoming a butcher.

Jim Luckey says he brought him down to Dockers to keep an eye on him. He's now been keeping an eye on him for 24 years!

### INTERESTING

That's a grand total of 199 years.

Within that total there are some interesting figures.

The two Jim Dockers and brother-in-law Jack Dyson have 120 years in the shop between them.

The Luckey family has 79 years' service.

Dockers has a young hopeful for the long service title in Ken Stewart — who has already chalked up 11 years as a butcher, all of them in the Drummoyne shop.

A newcomer is apprentice Billy Hutchinson, who



Butchers who've strung together two centuries ... Back row (from left): Brian Luckey; Jim Docker Junior; Jim Docker Senior; Jim Luckey; and Jack Dyson. In front: Ken Stewart (partly obscured); apprentice Billy Hutchinson; and Barry Luckey.

has been there about 18 months.

The Meat Employees' Industry Union (N.S.W. Branch) claims the combined services at Dockers is a record.

### RARITY

Union organiser Fred Hankinson said:

"It is a rarity in butcher shops for our members to stay long.

"They generally move on, some looking for greener pastures, others seeking the end of the golden rainbow.

"There are always exceptions and the ones here are notable, for which we are claiming a record."

Jim Docker Sr. opened his first shop in Leichhardt in April, 1930.

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Three months later he moved to Victoria Road, Drummoyne, where he employed Jack Dyson — and the long-service saga began.

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**Greg proves a Tiger**

**can change his stripes**

By REG BARRETT

To anyone who saw the 1972 Rugby League grand final, the idea of Greg Bandiera and Brian Lockwood packing down together, in the same scrum, must seem preposterous.

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The clash brought the huge crowd to its feet but, unperturbed, Lockwood carried on, although Canterbury eventually went down to Bandiera's Easts side.

There has been a lot of water under the bridge since then.

Lockwood had his differences with Canterbury and eventually found himself in Balmain's colours.

**SNAPPED UP**

Bandiera also found himself dissatisfied at Easts, and was also snapped up by the Tigers.

Now they're the best of pals and striving for that elusive premiership blazer. "I'm sure Brian understands that everything goes when you are trying to win a grand final," Bandiera says.

Big and tough Bandiera has been a great asset to Balmain's defence.

**THIRD CLUB**

Many critics regard him as the best head-on tackler in the premiership.

A nagging neck injury has interrupted his career recently but club officials are confident he will bounce back to his best form very soon.

Remarkably, Bandiera is one of the most experi-

enced players in the competition although he is only 26.

He has been playing in Sydney for nine seasons and Balmain is his third club.

He originally came down from Innisfail club in Queensland to join Newtown as an 11 stone centre.

Three seasons later he was signed by Easts where he stayed for four years and played 36 first grade games including two grand finals in 1972 and 1974.

Former Balmain coach Paul Broughton quelled the fire in Bandiera's play when he signed him in 1975 and it was a more than satisfactory result.

**REFEREES**

Previously Bandiera was inclined to spoil his good work with indiscriminate actions that brought the wrath of referees on his head.

Nowadays Bandiera is still a fearsome opponent but he is rarely cautioned.

Which goes to prove that Leopards may not be able to change their spots, but Tigers can change their stripes.

Bandiera's new look style made such an impression last year the 26-year-old forward was chosen in the City Seconds team to play Country.

# Cut penalties warns Jim

"Cut the penalties" was the order given by Drummoyne Rugby Union coach Jim Eggleton after his team went down to Eastwood 20-14 last week.

Drummoyne scored three tries to two but conceded four penalties in easy kicking distance near the post to give Eastwood 12 easy points.

The smaller red forwards surprised the crowds by supplying enough ball to run in two second half tries.

Michael March scored Drummoyne's first try by wrong footing the defence.

In the second half, Mike Stephenson crashed over for a try which was converted by Gary Nissen, minutes later winger Stuart Aird broke the defence and sent five-eighth Steve Best over in the corner.

The game then settled down to a hard tussle.

The reds then were disal-

lowed a try after Ross Smith had crossed the line, apparently forcing the ball on the corner post.

If the try was allowed a possible victory or draw in favour of the locals may have occurred.

Seconds Steve Allen continued his good form with a fine display, whilst Dave Bowman regained some of his old form in the third grade.

Fourths notched a fine win 10-7 defeating their first "A" division rivals to stay in touch with the leaders.

The luckless Colts drew against Eastwood.

Leading the most of the game the Woods scored a try in the last five minutes to force a draw.

# Hunters down the premiers

Hunters Hill Rugby Union Club defeated premiers St. Ives 15-13 in the Kenwell Cup last Saturday.

St. Ives led 13-9 towards the end, but Hunters Hill launched a try-scoring move from 25 metres out.

From a loose ruck on the St. Ives quarter-line, Hunters Hill forward Mick Hutchinson wrenched the ball free, made a few yards on the blind side, passing to his second-row Grant Willard.

Geoff Forster, backing-up took the pass from Willard to score out wide.

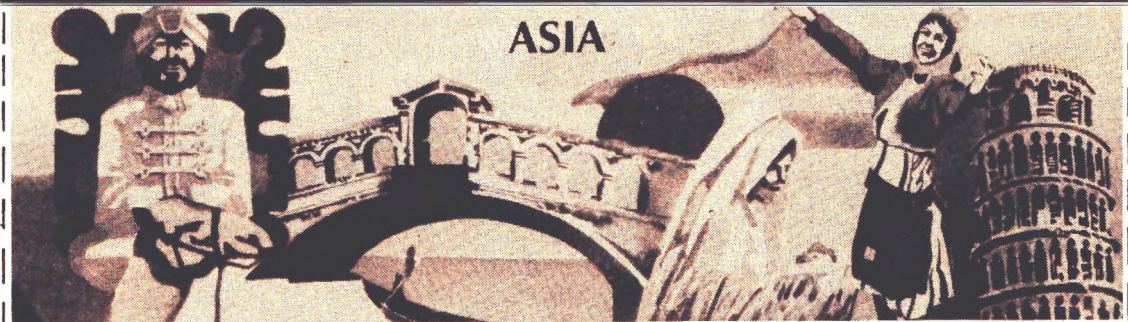
Burke Cup: Hunters Hill 16 defeated St. Ives 3.

Whiddon Cup: St. Ives 3 defeated Hunters Hill 0.

Judd Cup: St. Ives 12 defeated Hunters Hill 4.

The club will hold a gala day on May 28, with all grades playing on their home ground, Boronia Park, to launch an appeal for funds for a new club house.

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## Beaten fair and square

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Balmain were magnificent in defeat.

They completely shattered their tame image of the previous week when they were easily beaten by St. George.

Against Parramatta the Tigers showed they are a force to be reckoned with in the Premiership.

They took the tough Parramatta pack on in a no-holds barred contest and came out on top.

Lock Neil Pringle was outstanding and his defence chopped back the Parramatta attack.

He also combined brilliantly with Brian Lockwood to score Balmain's only try.

Trevor Ryan also made a solid contribution and is obviously now more suited to the second-row than centre.

Ryan, back in action after two weeks on the sideline, showed great stamina in a

robust 80 minute effort.

It was a match in which not one Tiger player could be faulted.

Young Wayne Wigham, playing in the centres with Dennis Bendall, came through his first 1st grade match in fine style.

He and Bendall matched anything Parramatta's Test centre Mick Cronin and Ed Sulkowicz could produce.

Coach Ron Willey, grimaced after the loss, now faces a tough task to rebuild the team's enthusiasm for this week's clash with Newtown at Leichhardt Oval.

Newtown, led by former Balmain coach Paul Broughton, are last on the premiership table.

But Balmain followers will not have forgotten Newtown's surprise win at Leichhardt Oval last year which ultimately cost the Tigers a place in the semi-finals.

## RAFFLE RESULTS

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## GORDON STRATFORD'S ROUND-UP

A goal-scoring wizard from Dundee has ended Western Suburbs unbeaten run in the exciting Phillips League.

Willie Pirie, a former Scottish international, capped a great performance in his debut with Sydney Olympic by scoring a goal to defeat Wests 2-nil.

Sydney Olympic scored both of their goals in the first

half and withstood a determined Wests fightback in the second half.

The Greek community turned out in force to see Pirie in action.

A crowd of more than 7,000 saw an exciting clash in which the action rarely slackened.

Sydney Olympic had their

first goal on the board after 16 minutes — Mike Cross put the ball in the net from a cross from a free kick taken by Joe Semkowski.

In the 34th minute Pirie maintained the pressure to poke in a cross ball.

In the second half the Wests players kept the pressure on their opponents and

looked certain to peg back the lead when captain Peter Wilson had an open goal to shoot at, only to see the ball go over the crossbar.

Time and again the home team penetrated the Olympic defence and it appeared to be only a matter of time before Wests popped one in but the 'run of the ball' was against them — it was just

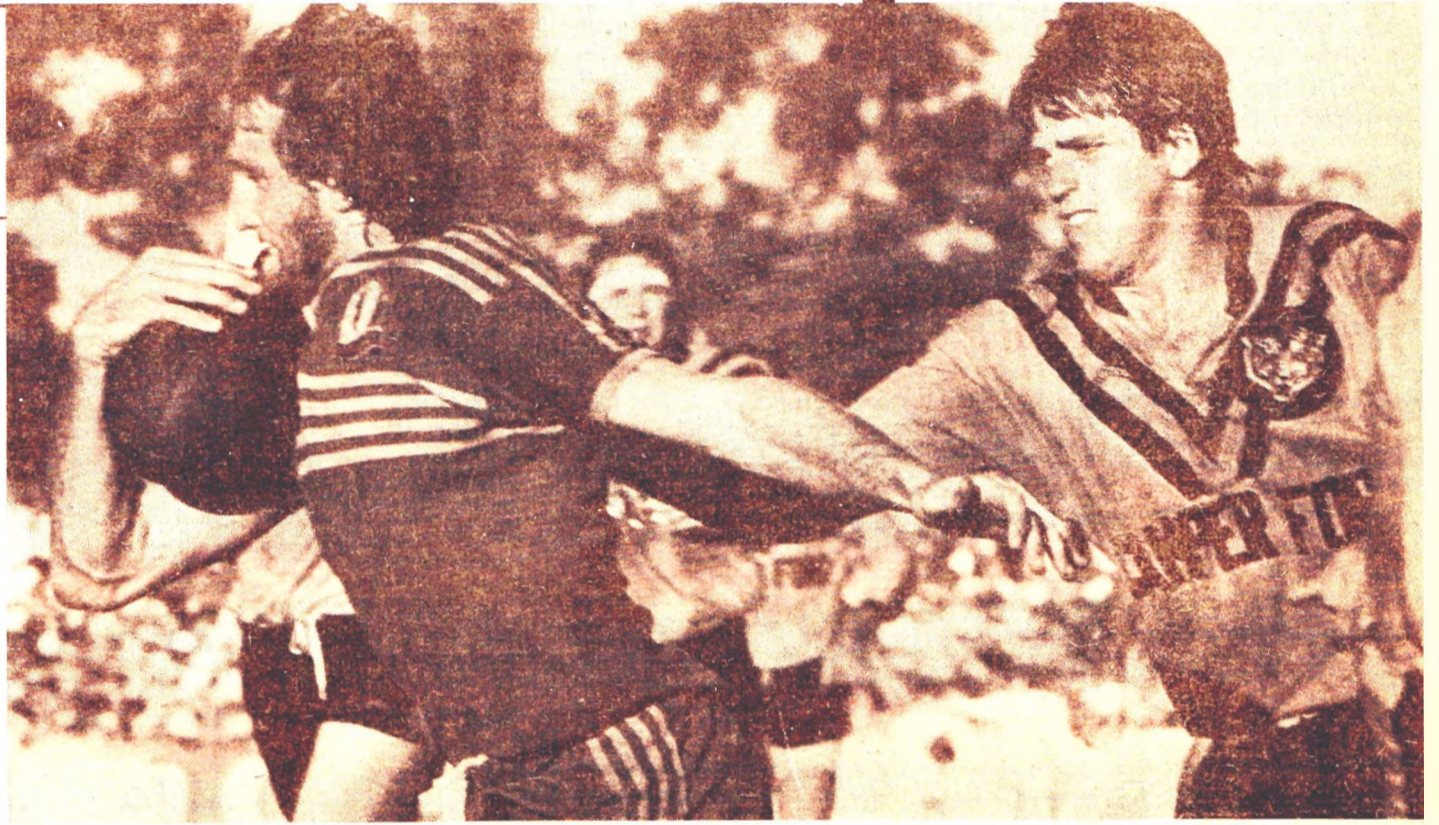
not to be.

Next week sees Wests travel to Melbourne where they will play Fitzroy at Alexander Park.

On May 21 their match will be televised when they meet Footscray J.U.S.T. at the Sydney Sports Ground by which time their recently acquired "guest player" from the English first division, Ian Moores, should have arrived.

# Beaten fair and square!

Big Balmain prop Steve Lavers makes sure Parramatta lock Ray Price doesn't go very far in last week's clash at Cumberland Oval. Lavers, a former N.S.W. representative, was one of the many stars in a Tiger line-up that were unlucky to go down 11-9 in a controversial finish.



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By REG BARRETT

A detailed examination of film of last week's Rugby League clash with Parramatta has revealed no grounds for a Balmain protest.

Secretary Keith Gittoes got out of a sick bed on Monday morning to run the film through several times after Balmain's dramatic 11-9 loss at Cumberland Oval.

The move followed suggestions that referee John Gotcher signalled for the final scrum to be put down after the full-time siren.

Balmain were penalised in the scrum and Parramatta centre Mick Cronin kicked the winning goal from 45 metres out.

Unfortunately for Balmain supporters the film clearly shows that Gotcher ordered the scrum to be put down seconds before full-time which

## BUT THE TIGERS WERE ALL HEART

means the resulting penalty and successful goal-kick were all quite legal.

So Balmain have no hope of salvaging a competition point from their best performance of the season.

It's little compensation but

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2.40 p.m. B Grade  
Leichhardt Wanderers v Denistone

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North Ryde v Birchgrove

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12.30 p.m. D Reserve Grade  
Glebe Police Boys v Saints Dundas

1.30 p.m. B Grade  
Drummoyne Rowing Club v Harold Park Colts

2.50 p.m. B Grade  
Glebe Shamrocks v Glebe Police Boys

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12.30 p.m. D Grade  
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