



BEARS JUNIORS SET ON THEIR WINNING WAY

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Bears S G Ball centre Koleakikava Utoikamanu and winger Bevan De Vries have scored two tries each in their team's hard fought win over the Balmain Tigers 20-10 at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday.

The Bears scored early via a penalty and a great unload and high flying pass leading to Koleakikava Utoikamanu to score in the left corner – 4-0 to the Bears.

Moments later Norths winger Bevan De Vries scored after a looping pass from Bears five-eighth Matt Place and North Sydney lead Balmain 8-0.

Balmain hit back however in the last 10 minutes with tries to Jay Bonnell and Joel Luani to lead 10-8 at the halftime break.

As the first half began a see sawing contest lead to both sides failing in attempts to score.

It was Bears centre Koleakikava Utoikamanu that finished off some fine work by the Bears halves and with the conversion successful they grabbed the lead 14-10 with only 10 minutes left on the clock.

But the most exciting play of the match came in the last 5. The Tigers had a massive overlap and looked set to stroll over in the corner, however a stray pass hit the deck and Bevan De Vries swooped and ran 90 metres the other way to notch 6 points for the Bears to take the match 20-10 over the Tigers.

NORTH SYDNEY 20 (Koleakikava Utoikamanu 2, Bevan De Vries, tries, Matt Gladman, Bevan De Vries goals) defeated BALMAIN 10 (Jay Bonnell, Joel Luani tries, Jay Bonnell goals) Halftime 10-8 Balmain.

In other matches the Balmain Tigers Harold Matts Team were too strong for the Bears winning 22-0. While further cuts to the NSW Cup squad are imminent after a trial against Cronulla won 22-16 by the Sharks.

BALMAIN 22 (4 tries, 3 goals) defeated NORTH SYDNEY 0 Halftime 10-0 Balmain.

PICTURED: The Bears S G Ball pack eventually overwhelmed the Tigers on Saturday. PHOTO: Steve Little

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