

1974 Round 10 Sunday 2nd June Lidcombe Oval

Penrith 26 def. Western Suburbs 20

Phil JELLEY **Fullback** Tony FORD Wayne MOORE John DORAHY Wing Glenn WEST Stephen KNIGHT Centre Centre **Grahame MORAN** Robbie PARKER **Reg WALTON** Wing Russell MULLINS John WILSON Five-eighth Graeme O'GRADY John KLEIN Half Russell WORTH Peter LANGMACK Lock Warren SNODGRASS **Dennis TUTTY** Second Row John ELFORD (c) **BILL ASHURST** Second Row **Geoff FOSTER** Tim SHEENS Front Row John O'BRYAN Mike STEPHENSON (c) Hooker John PURCELL Terry GEARY Front Row Steve RIGNEY Jersey KOMOROWSKI Replacement Stephen SATTERLY

Tries Glenn WEST (3) Stephen SATTERLY (2)

Gary HARVEY

Bill ASHURST John DORAHY
Peter LANGMACK Russell MULLINS
Tim SHEENS

Replacement

Goals Reg WALTON (4) Tony FORD (2)

John DORAHY (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: J Dorahy, S Knight, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: G O'Grady; half: R Worth; forwards: W Snodgrass, J Elford (c), G Foster, J O'Bryan, J Purcell, S Rigney

Penrith: Full-back: P Jelley; three-quarters: W Moore, G West, G Moran, R Walton; five-eighth: J Wilson; half: J Klein; forwards: P Langmack, D Tutty, W Ashurst, T Sheens, M Stephenson, T Geary **Referee:** G Cook (Rugby League Week 8th June 1974)

"If we score tries, I don't care how much they try to whack me," said Bill Ashurst, as he unlaced his boots after turning in a mighty game against Western Suburbs. At times, Wests' captain, John Elford, singled out big Bill for some really punishing tackles, but it wasn't enough to stop this very great forward spearheading the Panthers to a 26-20 victory. Ashurst scored one of Penrith's six tries by regathering his little kick over the top and made the break which resulted in further tries by Tim Sheens, Glenn West and Peter Langmack. Another key factor in Penrith's showing was Mike Stephenson's domination of the scrums 9-3 at one stage in the first half, he won seven scrums in succession. West looked every inch a future international as he notched three tries, and did a lot of strong work in defence. He went over for two tries in as many minutes, to increase Penrith's lead to 13-5 at half-time, the first occurring when he ducked under a high tackle by Stephen Knight and raced 40 yards. It capped a miserable day for the Magpies when prop Steve Rigney was sent off in the 60th minute on a charge of "deliberate kneeing". The final score was highly flattering to Wests, as replacement winger Steve Satterly scored two tries in the closing seven minutes, and coach Don Parish was left muttering, "Not enough goers". (The Sun 3rd June 1974)

Big English forward Bill Ashurst scored a clever try and made two others for Penrith who beat Western Suburbs 26-20 at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Ashurst was well supported by Penrith's other English forward Mike Stephenson. Stephenson won every first half scrum and shrewdly directed moves from the play-the-ball. Ashurst scored his try by gathering his own short punt on the 25 and diving across between the posts. He sent front-row forward Tim Sheens in for a try with a reverse pass that fooled the Wests' defence. Then he raced 40 metres like a three-quarter to send lock Peter Langmack over. Young centre Glenn West was another Penrith star. With sheer pace and a keen positional sense, he scored three tries. The match was a donnybrook. Referee G Cook sent Wests' front-row forward Steve Rigney from the field and issued 11 cautions. Cook said Rigney would be charged with kneeing. Wests saved their greatest efforts for the last 15 minutes when they were a man short. In that period replacement winger Steve Satterly scored two tries and centre John Dorahy kicked a goal. (Daily Telegraph 3rd June 1974)

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Notes: Wests lost their fourth game in a row and some significant problems, besides injuries, were appearing. John Purcell again lost the scrums, this time 9-3, and the lack of possession was hindering the brilliant Wests' backline. Russell Worth debuted in this match, replacing Tom Raudonikis who was on NSW duties in Brisbane. John Elford clashed roughly with big Bill Ashurst who was up to the task. Graeme O'Grady was replaced by Stephen Satterly, who scored two late tries, but the send-off of Steve Rigney for kneeing in the 60th minute put paid to Wests' changes.

