



1979 Round 10 Sunday 27th May Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 18

def.

Penrith 17

Wayne SMITH
 Buddy CAIN
 Mark BEAVEN
 John DORAHY
 Warren BOLAND
 Don MOSELEY
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Graeme O'GRADY
 John CROW
 Bob COOPER
 Bruce GIBBS
 Jack JEFFRIES
 Ray BROWN

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

Kevin DANN
 Wayne SEATON
 Ray BLACKLOCK
 Gary PETHYBRIDGE (c)
 John RYAN
 Mick KELLY
 Terry WICKEY
 Warren FENTON
 Lew ZIVANOVIC
 Tim ARMISTEAD
 Darryl BROHMAN
 Steve MARTIN
 John KING

Tries

Wayne SMITH
 John DORAHY
 Buddy CAIN
 Mark BEAVEN

John RYAN
 John KING
 Kevin DANN

Goals

John DORAHY (3)

Wayne SEATON (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: E Cain, M Beavan, J Dorahy, W Boland; five-eighth: D Moseley; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: G O'Grady, J Crow, R Cooper, J Donnelly, J Jeffries, R Brown

Penrith: Full-back: K Dann; three-quarters: W Seaton, G Pethybridge (c), R Blacklock, J Ryan; five-eighth: M Kelly; half: T Wickey; forwards: W Fenton, L Zivanovic, T Armistead, D Brohman, S Martin, J King **Referee: J Gocher (Rugby League Week 31st May 1979)**

A seven-point try situation and a try awarded on a linesman's report highlighted an incident-packed match at Lidcombe Oval won by Wests 18-17. An indiscretion by prop forward Bruce Gibbs almost cost Wests victory and caused a furore in the Penrith camp. With 13 minutes remaining, Wests appeared safe with an 18-12 lead, even as Penrith full-back Kevin Dann raced over for a try wide out. After Dann had grounded the ball, he was involved in an incident with Gibbs that resulted in a "seven-point try situation" ruled against Wests by referee John Gocher. Penrith winger Wayne Seaton kicked the penalty, but had he not missed the earlier conversion, Wests would have been beaten. Panthers' coach Len Stacker, was adamant after the game that Gibbs should have been sent off. "But what's the good of jumping on the band-waggon and whinging about referees each week - it's no consolation,," Stacker said. The Gibbs' incident stoked the Penrith fire after a disputed try in the eighth minute by Wests' centre John Dorahy. Dorahy was awarded a try on a linesman's report. Dorahy grounded in a goal-line scramble, jumped up and played the ball, but was given a try after referee Gocher, who was unsighted, conferred with his linesman. Penrith players were adamant Dorahy was tackled short of the line and the representative centre didn't argue. "I've no idea if I scored or not," he said later. "I just played the ball thinking I was doing the right thing." Wests looked the better side when they managed to hold possession long enough to pressure Penrith. And the instigator of most of Wests' attack was forward Ray Brown, who surely must rate as the value buy of the season. A specialist hooker, Brown played prop yesterday. This year he has played in every position in the pack. Again, Penrith's problem was lack of experience when it mattered most. Their youngsters bombed a couple of late chances to win the game with panic passing in tight situations. **(The Sun 28th May 1979)**

..... The Panthers hit the lead for the first time in the match 10 minutes after the resumption when Seaton landed a simple penalty. But it was again Brown who had a hand in regaining the lead for the Magpies when he combined with Cain to put full-back Wayne Smith over under the posts. The conversion and another penalty by Dorahy shot Wests ahead to 18-12. To their credit, Penrith kept plugging away and Dann's try set the stage for a thrilling finish. Not far behind Brown as the outstanding player on the field was Cain. Besides scoring one try, Cain also played a dominant role in two others. Others to turn in strong performances for the victors were Dorahy and hooker Jack Jeffries, who gave his team a steady flow of possession..... **(Daily Telegraph 28th May 1979)**

Notes: This was a highly dramatic match which Wests were lucky to win, although they played well. Dorahy was awarded an early try although he looked to ground the ball short. Leading 18-12 and looking to be comfortable, Penrith scored a try out wide and Penrith were awarded a 7-point try after a Gibbs' indiscretion. The conversion was missed and an earlier penalty attempt by Wayne Seaton hit the posts. Even so, Ray Brown continued his stellar form and Buddy Cain had his best game so far for Wests.