



1970 Round 11 Sunday 7th June Lidcombe Oval



Penrith 16

Ern GILLON
 Bob LANDERS
 Mal McMARTIN
 Grahame MORAN
 Peter GIBSON
 Ray STEELE
 Laurie FAGAN (c)
 Phil KLIENDIENST
 Peter WRIGHT
 Rod ELLIOTT
 Bruce DELANEY
 Alan WINGATE
 Bob BROAD

def.

Western Suburbs 13

John FISHER
 Don ROGERS
 Roy FERGUSON (c)
 Derek BROUWER
 Peter FLANDERS
 Tom RAUDONIKIS
 John MAXWELL
 Rod SMITH
 John BAKER
 Barry BRYANT
 John ARMSTRONG
 Ken STONESTREET
 John WALSH
 Tim MURPHY
 Steve WINTER



Tries

Rod ELLIOTT
 Laurie FAGAN

Rod SMITH (2)
 Peter FLANDERS

Goals

Bob LANDERS (4)
 Ray STEELE (1) Field goal

Peter FLANDERS (2)

Match Description

Penrith: Full-back: E Gillon; three-quarters: R Landers, M McMartin, G Moran, P Gibson; five-eighth: R Steele; half: L Fagan; forwards: P Kliendienst, P Wright, R Elliott, B Delaney, A Wingate, R Broad

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Fisher; three-quarters: D Rogers, R Ferguson (c), D Brouwer, P Flanders; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: J Maxwell; forwards: R Smith, J Baker, B Bryant, J Armstrong, K Stonestreet, J Walsh **Referee: K Holman (Rugby League Week 13th June 1970)**

Penrith Rugby League team kept alive their slender hopes of making the semi-finals with a hard-earned 16-13 win over Western Suburbs at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Penrith's win moved them into sixth place on the competition ladder – six points behind the first four teams. In a dull match, Wests led 8-0 at one stage and scored three tries to two but failed to consolidate their position. Star of the match was Penrith half-back Laurie Fagan, who bullocked his way through the Western Suburbs pack to score just on half-time. Wests led at the interval 8-5. Five minutes after the start of the second-half, Penrith five-eighth Ray Steele landed a field goal and reduced Wests' lead to one point. Then Rod Elliott, the outstanding forward on the field, crossed for a try which was converted. Penrith led for the first time in the match. Winger Bob Landers landed two penalty goals and 10 minutes from the end Penrith had established a comfortable 16-8 lead. Wests' Rod Smith went in for his second try seven minutes from the end and Flanders converted. But Wests were comfortably held by some solid Penrith defence and never looked like scoring again. Wests' usually reliable hooker, Ken Stonestreet, was beaten for the ball 21-16 by Penrith's Alan Wingate. Penrith's set play was their greatest asset. Wests played soundly to establish their early lead, but their teamwork deteriorated in the second half when they could not get the ball. Wild passes and bad handling nullified any attack they landed. Flanders landed only two goals from six attempts but compensated with his good general play. ... **(Daily Telegraph 8th June 1970)**

... Although Wests scored three tries to two, their goal-kicker, Peter Flanders, landed only two goals from six attempts. Penrith, down 8-nil, piled on 16 points before Wests came with a burst to score a converted try in the final five minutes. Wests appeared set to win in the first half. Lock Rod Smith, in a penetrating individual run from half-way, broke through several tackles before diving over for the opening try for Wests. Lively Wests' five-eighth Tom Raudonikis, who retired in the second half with an ankle injury, set up the second try with a brilliant burst to send Flanders over. Three minutes from half-time Penrith half-back Laurie Fagan scored between the posts. Landers converted. Penrith lifted their game in the second half, backing up splendidly both in attack and defence to take control. Five-eighth Ray Steele snapped a field-goal, then McMartin, Fagan and Rod Elliott figured in a try-getting movement that gave Penrith the lead. A spirited Wests recovery yielded a second try to Rod Smith, but the Panthers' solid defence held out determined thrusts in the last five minutes. **(Sydney Morning Herald 8th June 1970)**

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Notes: Wests lost the scrums 20-13 and the penalties 9-2 and the lack of possession made it difficult to stay in the game. Even so, Rod Smith played a blinder to keep them in touch, but the string of penalties allowed Bob Landers to keep kicking goals even though Wests scored three tries to two. Barry Bryant was in doubt for the match but did play and had a very strong game. Once again, it seemed that Ken Stonestreet wasn't getting the prop support he needed to dominate the scrums as he had in the past.