



1980 Round 13 Sunday 29th June Penrith Park



Western Suburbs 37

def.

Penrith 10

Wayne BUCKLEY
 John RIBOT
 Ron BRODRICK
 Ron GITEAU
 Warren BOLAND (c)
 Terry LAMB
 Alan NEIL
 Jim LEIS
 John McLEOD
 Bob COOPER
 Tom ARBER
 Jack JEFFRIES
 John DONNELLY
 Paul MERLO

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

Kevin DANN
 Ken WOLFE
 Mark ROSS
 Graeme JENNINGS
 John RYAN (c)
 Marvin HICKS
 Henry FOSTER
 Lew ZIVANOVIC
 Darryl BROHMAN
 Wayne DUCKER
 Merv HAYWARD
 Jamie JONES
 David HALL
 Steve MARTIN



Tries

Terry LAMB (3)
 Bob COOPER (2)
 John RIBOT
 John McLEOD
 John DONNELLY
 Ron BRODRICK

Marvin HICKS
 Kevin DANN

Goals

Ron GITEAU (5)

Graeme JENNINGS (2)

Match Description

Penrith: Full-back: K Dann; three-quarters: K Wolfe, M Ross, G Jennings, J Ryan (c); five-eighth: M Hicks; half: H Foster; forwards: L Zivanovic, W Ducker, D Brohman, M Hayward, J Jones, D Hall

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: J Ribot, R Brodrick, R Giteau, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: A Neil; forwards: J Leis, J McLeod, R Cooper, J Donnelly, J Jeffries, T Arber **Referee: J Danzey (The Sun 27th June 1980)**

Panthers' coach Len Stacker, in a sensational incident at Penrith yesterday, was ordered from the sideline by referee Jack Danzey after two players had been knocked out. The match threatened to erupt after Stacker rushed to the assistance of his captain John Ryan, who along with Wests' Alan Neil, had been flattened midway through the second half. "My only concern was for Ryan – I thought he was seriously injured," Stacker said later. "Jack told me to get off the field. I later went to him and apologised." Neil, during Wests' 37-10 blitzing of Penrith, was felled as he ranged up in support of a break by Magpies' winger John Ribot. Ribot then clashed with Ryan, who was unconscious for several minutes, with the Penrith bench calling for a stretcher. The crowd, demanding Ribot's dismissal, was at boiling point when Stacker came on to the paddock. But after Ryan and Neil recovered, Danzey awarded a penalty to Wests. Wests, guarding against a repeat of last year's player pirating, will upgrade the contract of teenage five-eighth discovery Terry Lamb. Lamb played like a future international, scoring three tries and setting up two more of Wests' nine touchdowns. Neil is built, and plays like, former Saints' great, Brian "Poppa" Clay and has the potential to go just as far in the game. Lamb, Neil, and the Wests' back-row of Jim Leis, John McLeod and Bob Cooper, were paid glowing tributes by Stacker. "There's no better back-row set in the premiership and they could take Wests all the way," Stacker said. Certainly, the form of the Magpie forward trio is rating more news space than that of Boyd and Brown at Manly. "We wouldn't want a swap," said one Wests' player. Penrith were simply outclassed. "Even allowing for the opposition, it was the equal of any Wests' performance this year," said coach Roy Masters. Suspension and injury considered; Wests look unstoppable in their surge towards the minor premiership. **(The Sun 30th June 1980)**

Western Suburbs players hardly raised a sweat in cruising to an effortless 37-10 win over Penrith at Penrith Park yesterday. The Magpies completely outgunned their hapless opponents to race in nine tries. Star of the win was diminutive five-eighth Terry Lamb who bagged three tries, one after 90 seconds, and constantly menaced the Penrith defence. Wests looked good with their free-flowing attack but at the same time they were aided by some woeful Penrith defence. The Panthers were unable to put the man with the ball to the ground and this allowed Wests players to continually offload to supports. The victory leaves Wests as the sole premiership leaders on 20 points. **(Daily Telegraph 30th June 1980)**

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Notes: Wayne Smith was out injured; Wayne Buckley went to full-back and John Ribot went to his best position on the wing. Ron Brodrick came in for the suspended Ted Goodwin. This was a ferociously contested match that threatened to get out of control. Terry Lamb stamped himself as a superstar and was offered an updated contract after the match. The back row of Cooper, McLeod and Leis were now considered the best in the competition.