



1978 Round 14 Sunday 25th June Penrith Park



Western Suburbs 22

def.

Penrith 9

John DORAHY (c)
 Buddy CAIN
 Wayne SMITH
 Ron GITEAU
 Steve BROUGHTON
 Peter ROWLES
 Don MOSELEY
 Graeme O'GRADY
 Les BOYD
 Steve BLYTH
 John DONNELLY
 Shane DAY
 Peter YOUNG

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

Kevin DANN
 Ross GIGG
 Greg MOORE
 Gary PETHYBRIDGE
 Russell MULLINS
 Mick KELLY
 Terry WICKEY
 Phil GOULD (c)
 Paul MERLO
 Brad WAUGH
 Pat BRODERICK
 George LONGHURST
 John KING
 Tas BAITIERI
 Ray BLACKLOCK

Tries

Graeme O'GRADY (2)
 John DORAHY

Phil GOULD

Goals

Peter ROWLES (6)
 Graeme O'GRADY (1) Field Goal

Phil GOULD (3)

Match Description

Penrith: Full-back: K Dann; three-quarters: R Gigg, G Pethybridge, G Moore, R Mullins; five-eighth: M Kelly; half: T Wickey; forwards: P Gould (c), B Waugh, P Merlo, P Broderick, G Longhurst, J King

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Dorahy (c); three-quarters: S Broughton, W Smith, R Giteau, E Cain; five-eighth: P Rowles; half: D Moseley; forwards: G O'Grady, L Boyd, S Blyth, P Young, S Day, J Donnelly **Referee: J Danzey (Rugby League Week 1st July 1978)**

History virtually repeated itself at Penrith Park yesterday when Wests came with a late burst to beat the plucky locals 22-9. Like last season, the Magpies had to do it the hard way. They were down 14-2 then, but this time it was seven all at the break. And, like last season, it was Graeme O'Grady, the tigerish lock, who sparked the revival to get Wests home. Hooker Shane Day set history repeating itself when he reminded O'Grady at half-time of the words he spoke last season in the corresponding match. "You've got to do something and get us out of this. You did it last year, do it again now." This is exactly what O'Grady did. He provided the spark Wests needed to jolt them out of their lethargy. He stood out in what was a very ordinary affair. He slipped through a weak Greg Moore tackle to score, and then followed up with an opportunist effort from a Peter Rowles' short kick. Just to tidy things up, he landed a neat field goal to get the Magpies home. Others to shine for the winners, who looked good only in the second half, were Rowles, Dorahy and Moseley. Rowles broke the Panthers' hearts with some great long-range goal-kicking. "I was worried about my kicking after the Easts' game two weeks ago, but it looks like the extra work paid off," he said with a smile. Even his father Ron, a noted kicker in the fifties, was pleased with his son's performance. Coach Roy Masters wasn't overly impressed with much else. "We had a good second half," he said. "I had a bit to say at half-time." Injured skipper Tom Raudonikis was pleased for the win. "It gives me an extra week off now." (**The Sun 26th June 1978**)

Western Suburbs retained the competition lead with an unimpressive 22-9 victory over Penrith at Penrith Park yesterday. The Magpies didn't get on top until 10 minutes from the end to steal a winning lead. After the match, Penrith coach Don Parish was disappointed with his team's performance but didn't think much of Wests. "How are they competition leaders? I can't see them winning the premiership," Parish said. The Magpies laboured most of the way but five-eighth Peter Rowles' splendid long-range goal-kicking saw them forge clear. In the space of 12 minutes Rowles landed three penalties all from more than 40 metres out. Apart from Rowles' fine kicking, forwards Les Boyd and Graeme O'Grady turned in excellent individual performances. An alert O'Grady, roving out wide, took Wests to the front in the second half when he dashed through an opening to put the ball down without a hand being laid on him. Boyd, back after suspension, was strong in attack and defence but seemed to be standing well inside the five metres on many occasions while defending..... (**Daily Telegraph 26th June 1978**)

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Notes: Roy Masters initiated a major shake-up for this match, dropping Bruce Gibbs, Alan Neil and Trevor Reardon. Don Moseley went into five-eighth for the injured Raudonikis and Steve Broughton, a former GPS Sprint Champion, debuted on the wing. Les Boyd also returned after a 3-week suspension. It was a scrappy match but a very important win. Masters was pleased with Moseley's performance at half but it was O'Grady who provided the spark in the second half, with Donnelly doing the grunt work up front. It was also a great kicking performance by Peter Rowles, who slammed home three long-range efforts.