



1975 Round 14 Sunday 29th June Lidcombe Oval



Penrith 16

Peter NEWSOME
 Gary ALLSOPP
 Terry QUINN
 Ross GIGG
 Brian REEVE
 Zac OLEJARNIK (c)
 Terry WICKEY
 Barry Le BROCCQ
 Ross GIBSON
 Bill ASHURST
 Tim SHEENS
 Mike STEPHENSON
 Terry GEARY

def.

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

Western Suburbs 11

John DORAHY
 Trevor SCARR
 Robbie PARKER
 John HEYWARD
 Russell MULLINS
 Tim MURPHY
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Chris WELLMAN
 Geoff FOSTER
 Jim MURPHY
 Pat HUNDY
 Shane DAY
 John DONNELLY



Tries

Terry WICKEY
 Gary ALLSOPP
 Brian REEVE
 Ross GIGG

Russell MULLINS
 Chris WELLMAN
 John DORAHY

Goals

Bill ASHURST (2)

John DORAHY (1)

Match Description

Penrith: Full-back: P Newsome; three-quarters: G Allsopp, T Quinn, R Gigg, B Reeve; five-eighth: Z Olejarnik; half: T Wickey; forwards: B Le Brocq, R Gibson, W Ashurst, T Sheens, M Stephenson, T Geary

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: T Scarr, J Heyward, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: C Wellman, J Murphy, G Foster, J Donnelly, S Day, P Hundy **Referee: G Hartley (Rugby League Week 5th July 1975)**

Last-placed Penrith – with nine players eligible to play U23’s – convincingly toppled Rugby League semi-final contenders Western Suburbs 16-11 at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. The Panthers took Wests on in the forwards and surprised by coming out well on top. Their experienced front-row of Tim Sheens, Mike Stephenson and Terry Geary continually hustled their bigger opponents into error. Highlighting the Panthers’ second successive win was scheming second-rower Bill Ashurst, whose clever ball distribution and intelligent kicking found many gaps in the Magpies’ defence, particularly on the fringe of the rucks. Youthful half-back, Terry Wickey, was the best player on the field, and deservedly sealed the match with a solo try 12 minutes from the end. The try came from a scrum 15 metres out and was converted by Ashurst to give the Panthers a 13-6 lead. Full-back Peter Newsom showed out well with his safe handling of high kicks from opposite number John Dorahy and stout defence. His positional play was flawless and he was on hand to take a pass from centre Ross Gigg to go over in the corner three minutes from the finish. Wests were disappointing, and apart from brief bursts late in each half, never looked like getting into the match. They continually ran one-out without looking for support, with Australian half-back Tommy Raudonikis one of the chief offenders. Five-eighth Tim Murphy and second-rower Jim Murphy tried hard in attack, while lock Chris Wellman and prop Pat Hundy were tireless in defence. **(Sydney Morning Herald 30th June 1975)**

Western Suburbs went “walkabout” at Lidcombe Oval yesterday and suffered yet another inexplicable defeat. Penrith continued their good form when they downed the Magpies 16-11 and so cast further doubts on Wests’ final five hopes. Captain Tom Raudonikis, a tired man after two hard matches, claimed Penrith were under-rated but looked dejected at Wests’ defeat. “I thought after last week’s win over Manly we were right, but we dropped too much ball again,” he said. Penrith’s young men, Ross Gibson and Terry Wickey, had strong games in a top-class effort from Penrith. Raudonikis tried hard to inspire his side but they were never a chance, despite leading 6-5 for a period in the second half. **(The Sun 30th June 1975)**

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Notes: This match was being played after a two week break where the Wests/Souths game had been postponed. To make this loss even more inexplicable, Penrith were backing up after a mid-week Amco Cup game against Illawarra. The Panthers were last on the table but they hustled Wests into many errors, particularly in the forwards. Tom Raudonikis looked tired after a heavy representative schedule and was out-played by young half, Terry Wickey. John Dorahy, who had been in dazzling form, hardly touched the ball. This loss was a major setback for Wests’ finals hopes.