



1986 Round 14 Sunday 8th June Penrith Park



Penrith 36

Robbie ROBARDS
David GREENE
Brad IZZARD
Ben GONZALES
David LIDDIARD
Greg CLEMENTS
Greg ALEXANDER (c)
Craig CONNOR
Brandon LEE
John CARTWRIGHT
Matt GOODWIN
Garry LONGHURST
Geoff GERARD
Gary HOWELL
Paul AKKARY

def.

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

Western Suburbs 8

Rod PETHYBRIDGE
Brett CLARK
Wilfred WILLIAMS
Ian NADEN
Paul SHEAHAN
Trevor COGGER
Deryck FOX
Ian SCHUBERT
Geoff DILLON
John BILBIJA
Lee CROOKS (c)
Alan FALLAH
Craig ELLIS
Allan BURNS
John HENDERSON
Des DRUMMOND



Tries

Brad IZZARD (2)
David GREENE
Ben GONZALES
Greg CLEMENTS
John CARTWRIGHT

Trevor COGGER

Goals

Greg ALEXANDER (6)

Lee CROOKS (1)
Ian SCHUBERT (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Pethybridge; three-quarters: B Clark, W Williams, I Naden, P Sheahan; five-eighth: T Cogger; half: D Fox; forwards: I Schubert, G Dillon, J Bilbija, L Crooks (c), A Fallah, C Ellis

Penrith: Full-back: R Robards; three-quarters: D Greene, B Izzard, B Gonzales, D Liddiard; five-eighth: G Clements; half: G Alexander (c); forwards: C Connor, B Lee, J Cartwright, M Goodwin, G Longhurst, G Gerard **Referee: G McCallum (The Daily Mirror 10th June 1986)**

Greg Alexander can already run, tackle, pass and kick better than most, so it was hardly surprising when he displayed a flair for captaincy at Penrith Park yesterday. With regular leader Royce Simmons sidelined because of State of Origin commitments the 21-year-old Alexander coolly led Penrith to a 36-8 thrashing of Western Suburbs. In a spiteful match, Magpies second-rower Geoff Dillon was sent off. While he seemed even more involved than normal yesterday, Alexander played down the extra burden of captaincy. "As it is, I do a lot of talking on the field anyway and the only real difference was conferring with the referee on decisions today," he said. Alexander was frequently in touch with the referee, Greg McCallum, who awarded 28 penalties in the match (Penrith 16-12), ordered Dillon off in the 69th minute on a charge of using a swinging arm after three cautions and sent Lee Crooks (Wests) and Brandon Lee (Penrith) to the sin-bin in the second half for fighting. The KISS (Keep it Simple Stupid) philosophy that worked for the Magpies in the first round was abandoned by a side that repeatedly dropped the ball in its own half. Perhaps the injection of the skilful English imports to the club has meant that some of the other players are now trying things that are beyond their talents. While English halfback Deryck Fox was steady in the pivot spot, skipper Crooks had an unhappy match, culminating in his visit to the sin-bin. Wests' coach Steve Ghosn said he had no respect for Penrith as a force in the competition, which indicates his disgust at his team's display. "They won't make the five. We lost the game through our mistakes," he said. ... The sheer power of Brad Izzard resulted in Penrith's first try in the 15th minute. David Liddiard then opened the defence for a try by five-eighth Greg Clements to make the score 12-2 after 26 minutes. Alexander ran from dummy-half down the blind side to set up a try for Cartwright just before half-time. After Ben Gonzales extended Penrith's lead to 24-2 early in the second half a brawl erupted midfield, resulting in the expulsion of both Crooks and Lee. With Crooks off the field Wests scored their only try through Trevor Cogger four minutes later after a fine, individual run by Rod Pethybridge. Wests' centre Ian Naden's immediate future is in doubt after he sustained a cruciate ligament injury in the second half. **(Sydney Morning Herald 9th June 1986)**

Notes: For the second time in two seasons Greg Alexander carved up a disappointing Wests team. In a spiteful game, a large number of cautions were handed out, culminating in Lee Crooks and Brandon Lee being sent to the sin bin and then Geoff Dillon sent off for a swinging arm. Wests dropped a lot of ball, even Lee Crooks having an uncharacteristically poor game. Ian Naden was carried off with what looked like a season ending cruciate knee ligament injury.