



# 1979 Round 21 Sunday 12th August Penrith Park



## Western Suburbs 22

def.

## Penrith 14

Wayne SMITH  
Buddy CAIN  
Mark BEAVEN  
John DORAHY (c)  
Warren BOLAND  
Peter WALSH  
Alan NEIL  
Les BOYD  
Terry LEABEATER  
Bob COOPER  
Bruce GIBBS  
Ray BROWN  
Brian COOK  
Graeme O'GRADY  
Peter BARR

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

Kevin DANN  
Wayne SEATON  
Ray BLACKLOCK  
Gary PETHYBRIDGE (c)  
John RYAN  
Mick KELLY  
Terry WICKEY  
Warren FENTON  
Lew ZIVANOVIC  
Tim ARMISTEAD  
Darryl BROHMAN  
Steve MARTIN  
John KING  
Graeme JENNINGS



### Tries

Peter WALSH  
Bob COOPER  
Brian COOK  
Les BOYD

Steve MARTIN  
Kevin DANN

### Goals

John DORAHY (5)

Kevin DANN (4)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: E Cain, M Beavan, J Dorahy (c), W Boland; five-eighth: P Walsh; half: A Neil; forwards: L Boyd, T Leabeater, R Cooper, B Cook, R Brown, B Gibbs

**Penrith:** Full-back: K Dann; three-quarters: M Reed, G Pethybridge (c), K Wolfe, J Ryan; five-eighth: M Kelly; half: T Wickey; forwards: W Fenton, L Zivanovic, W Sheens, D Brohman, S Martin, P Merlo **Referee: J Danzey (Rugby League Week 16th August 1979)**

Wests have already begun looking for replacements for John Dorahy, Les Boyd and Ray Brown. As Wests kept their hopes alive at Penrith yesterday by downing the locals 22-14, club officials couldn't keep their minds off the future. Wests' secretary Gary Russell was adamant – "We've made our final offers to the players. We're looking in the country now for replacements. We can't wait until the end of the year to start searching." And the concerns coach Roy Masters has is that the flow of offers for the three players is affecting their football. Each in his own way, however, played a part in Wests' struggle for victory. Brown shaded Steve Martin in the scrums, Dorahy kicked five goals and Boyd scored a try and had a strong hand in another. Yet they were by no means the best players on the field. Dorahy denied the offers were worrying him (even allowing he has been out of football for four weeks). "I've put it out of my mind. I'm waiting until the end of the year," Dorahy said. Dorahy's goals kept Wests clear enough for the most part in a match that could well have gone Penrith's way. Penrith took the match to Wests and for a time, players from both sides went to the brink of turning the match into a brawl. Sanity prevailed for the most part and in the end, it was the better try-scoring potential of Wests that came through. Twice Penrith came within a point of the Magpies – 4-5 and 9-10 – and had Kevin Dann converted Martin's try 11 minutes from the end, Penrith would have been only one point behind again. Wests rested on a precipice throughout the game. Wests' struggle yesterday was genuine and with a week's breather they will come back against Norths in the final round with Tom Raudonikis, John Donnelly and Don Moseley available. Wests officials claimed after the match their records showed their side crossed the half-way mark twice in the first half. Each time a try was scored. **(The Sun 13th August 1979)**

Brian Cook, the Western Suburbs' prop, ignored a call from stand-in skipper John Dorahy and scored the last try in the Magpies' 22-14 win against Penrith at Penrith Park yesterday. Wests led 17-14 with two minutes remaining when Cook crossed near the posts, for Dorahy to land his fifth goal from six attempts. "I shouted for the ball through five-eighth Peter Walsh," Dorahy said. "But Cook over-ruled the call and took the pass inside from hooker Ray Brown to dive over for the try. "It was nerve-wracking and I was really worried with only three points separating the two sides." This was only the fourth try scored by Cook since joining Wests in 1976..... **(Sydney Morning Herald 13th August 1979)**

**Notes:** This was a desperate, hard-fought game where a place in the semi-finals was obviously up for grabs. The match was still on a knife-edge until Brian Cook, who had been one of the best forwards, dived over for a match-sealing try. John Dorahy was back after suspension but the game was being over-shadowed by the reality that Dorahy, Boyd and Brown had all received large offers and were likely to be leaving. Wests moved into 3rd place after this win and had two weeks off to lick their wounds.