



1982 Round 21 Sunday 18th July Penrith Park



Western Suburbs 24

def.

Penrith 15

Wayne SMITH
 Steve BROUGHTON
 Steve ANDERSON
 Ross CONLON
 Warren BOLAND (c)
 Terry LAMB
 Greg COX
 Jim LEIS
 Michael DUKE
 George MOROKO
 Terry LEABEATER
 Arthur MOUNTIER
 Paul MERLO
 Mick PINKERTON
 Bruce CLARK

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

Anselm DELANEY
 Brett LOBB
 Brad IZZARD
 Rod WRIGHT
 Ken WOLFE
 Mark LEVY
 Craig McALPINE
 Warren FENTON
 Lew PLATZ
 Graeme JENNINGS
 David HALL
 Royce SIMMONS
 Tim SHEENS (c)
 Les WHITE
 Kevin DANN
 Marvin HICKS

Tries Steve BROUGHTON (2)
 Ross CONLON
 Greg COX

Rod WRIGHT
 Ken WOLFE
 Mark LEVY

Goals Greg COX (6)

Mark LEVY (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: S Broughton, S Anderson, R Conlon, W Boland (c); five-eighth: T Lamb; half: G Cox; forwards: J Leis, G Moroko, M Duke, T Leabeater, A Mountier, P Merlo

Penrith: Full-back: A Delaney; three-quarters: B Lobb, R Wright, B Izzard, K Wolfe; five-eighth: M Levy; half: C McAlpine; forwards: W Fenton, L Platz, G Jennings, D Hall, R Simmons, T Sheens (c) **Referee: B Barnes (Rugby League Week 19th July 1982)**

Arthur Mountier, the man with football's most battered nose, was in the wars again as Wests continued their semi-final charge at Penrith Park yesterday. Wests' coach, Terry Fearnley, was perturbed at the battering Mountier took in Wests' resounding win. "He has only just returned after a three-week spell with a broken nose, and he has opened it up again today," Fearnley said. Mountier was the dominating factor in Wests 24-15 win over Penrith after the scores were locked 10-all at half-time. Mountier won the second-half scrums 9-2 after being down 6-4 at the change. With 20 second-half tackles as well, it was easy to see why Mountier's injury worried Fearnley. Greg Cox also showed his importance by kicking six goals from six attempts, scoring a try and taking his points tally to more than 100 for the season. His six goals made it 17 out of his last 18 attempts, an ominous sign for the opposition, especially Eastern Suburbs whom they play next week. Despite the win, the Wests' performance was far from good enough to worry the higher placed teams. It was more the Penrith mistakes which helped Wests and disheartened Penrith coach John Peard. Apart from their scrum problems, Penrith spilt the ball on eight occasions in the second half. ... Their State centre, Brad Izzard, didn't seem to realise how important possession was and lost the ball three times. Wests' lock Jim Leis also turned in a below par performance, well below the form he showed last season. **(The Sun 19th July 1982)**

A match-winning try by Western Suburbs half-back Greg Cox seven minutes before full-time gave the Magpies two vital points in their Rugby League match against Penrith at Penrith Park yesterday. Cox had an outstanding game, landing six goals from six attempts for 15 points in Wests' 24-15 win. The Magpies had a 19-14 lead when prop Paul Merlo lunged at the line, only to be held up by the defence. Wests won the scrum for Cox to burst through a tackle to score. "Their defence was spread a little thin and it was only one against one, so I went for the line," Cox said. "We were going to play safe and hold possession so it was an easy decision to make." Coach Terry Fearnley was pleased with the result, but injury problems hang over three Wests' players. Hooker Arthur Mountier, who won the scrums 13-7, reopened a cut on his nose, and is expected to miss a few games. Winger and captain Warren Boland and second-rower George Moroko suffered bruising to the back and had to be replaced, Boland at half-time. Penrith coach John Peard could only lament the statistic sheet that showed an alarming number of missed tackles and dropped balls. **(Sydney Morning Herald 19th July 1982)**

Notes: Arthur Mountier was back for this game and played strongly but opened his suspect nose up again. He and Greg Cox were the best two for Wests in a solid win, punctuated by many errors. Warren Boland and George Moroko both finished with injuries, Boland being replaced at half-time by Mick Pinkerton. Greg Cox had now kicked 17 out his last 18 attempts at goal and passed 100 points for the season.