



1974 Round 21 Sunday 18th August Penrith Park



Western Suburbs 26

def.

Penrith 8

John DORAHY
 Stephen SATTERLY
 Stephen KNIGHT
 Robbie PARKER
 Russell MULLINS
 Russell WORTH
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Warren SNODGRASS
 Geoff FOSTER
 John ELFORD
 Pat HUNDY
 John PURCELL
 Mick LIUBINSKAS
 Jim MYERS

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

John MAXWELL
 Peter SWANSON
 Ian McKECHNIE
 Glenn WEST
 Jersey KOMOROWSKI
 John WILSON
 John KLEIN
 Peter LANGMACK
 Glen STOLZENHEIM
 Gary HARVEY
 Tim SHEENS
 Michael STEPHENSON (c)
 Terry GEARY

Tries

Stephen KNIGHT
 Russell MULLINS
 Mick LIUBINSKAS
 Robbie PARKER
 Stephen SATTERLY
 Russell WORTH

Peter SWANSON
 Glenn WEST

Goals

John DORAHY (4)

Gary HARVEY (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: S Satterly, S Knight, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: R Worth; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: W Snodgrass, J Elford, G Foster, P Hundy, J Purcell, M Liubinskas

Penrith: Full-back: J Maxwell; three-quarters: G West, P Swanson, J Komorowski, I McKechnie; five-eighth: J Wilson; half: J Klein; forwards: P Langmack, G Stolzenheim, G Harvey, T Sheens, M Stephenson (c), T Geary **Referee: L Bruyeres (Rugby League Week 24th August 1974)**

Western Suburbs' dream of winning their first semi-final spot in a decade moved one step closer to reality yesterday. Wests' youngsters bowled over Penrith 26-8 at Penrith Park. Then Wests' supporters at the ground cheered with delight when they heard that St George had beaten North Sydney. Only 1973 grand-finalists Cronulla can now rob Wests of their first semi-final place since 1964. They meet next weekend. Yesterday, Wests survived a worrying second-half slump to triumph over Penrith. But they scored six tries to two. Wests' officials' brows were furrowed when Penrith fought back to trim Wests' lead to 15-8 midway through the second half. With so much at stake, Wests knuckled down in the last quarter-hour and rattled on three tries to make their victory secure. Wests virtually won the match in an eight-minute scoring blast before half-time. On a dry and dusty Penrith surface, the teams battled out a scoreless first half-hour. But Penrith, still battered and torn after Wednesday night's Amco Cup win over Easts, cracked before half-time. Wests rushed on three tries with long lanky prop Mick Liubinskas ripping through the Penrith defence.... **(Daily Telegraph 19th August 1974)**

Rangy prop Mick Liubinskas showed he has been one of the finds of the season when he spearheaded Western Suburbs' impressive 26-8 win over a depleted Penrith at Penrith Park yesterday. Liubinskas, who is having his first season in top grade, broke the Penrith defence in the first half with his long runs out wide. For the first 30 minutes of the game, Penrith matched Wests in every phase but then Wests took control in a ten-minute blitz. A try from the dummy-half position by Knight after good lead-up work by Liubinskas and Worth opened Wests' scoring and two further tries by Satterly and Liubinskas saw Wests go to half-time leading 15-0. When it was expected Wests would steamroll the local side, the Panthers came back and for the first 15 minutes of the second half really worried Wests. Smart tries by Glenn West and Peter Swanson and a conversion by Gary Harvey made the score 15-8 and the Magpies looked anything but comfortable. But, with an extra share of the ball from the scrums, Wests, inspired by John Dorahy and Tom Raudonikis, piled on three tries in the last 20 minutes to clinch the game and a possible semi-final berth. Penrith, without the services of regular first-graders Phil Jelley, Reg Walton, Dennis Tutty and Bill Ashurst, tried hard all the way and were best served by Glenn Wests, John Wilson and captain Mick Stephenson. **(The Sun 19th August 1974)**

Notes: Wests moved back into the top five with this important win against a depleted Penrith side, who were backing up from a Wednesday Amco Cup game. The old firm of Parker and Knight were back in the centres and their combination worried Penrith all afternoon. Mick Liubinskas, however, was in dashing form, and it was his line breaks which led to him scoring a try and setting up another. The only setback for Wests was knee ligament damage to John Elford.