



1970 Round 22 Sunday 23rd August Penrith Park



Western Suburbs 21

def.

Penrith 7



Peter FLANDERS
 Don ROGERS
 Derek BROUWER
 Tim MURPHY
 John ELFORD
 Tom RAUDONIKIS
 John MAXWELL
 Barry BRYANT
 John BAKER
 Kevin TIMBS
 John ARMSTRONG
 Ken STONESTREET (c)
 Jim CODY

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

Mike LEARY
 Reg HATTON
 John MORAN
 Grahame MORAN
 Mal McMARTIN
 Ernie GILLON
 Laurie FAGAN (c)
 Phil KLIENDIENST
 Tim SHEENS
 Rod ELLIOTT
 Bruce WARD
 Ron WORKMAN
 Ron CLOTHIER
 Bob LANDERS

Tries Don ROGERS (3)
 Barry BRYANT
 John ELFORD

Laurie FAGAN

Goals Peter FLANDERS (3)

Bruce WARD (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: P Flanders; three-quarters: D Rogers, T Murphy, D Brouwer, J Elford; five-eighth: T Raudonikis; half: J Maxwell; forwards: B Bryant, J Baker, K Timbs, J Armstrong, K Stonestreet (c), J Cody

Penrith: Full-back: M Leary; three-quarters: R Hatton, J Moran, G Moran, M McMartin; five-eighth: E Gillon; half: L Fagan (c); forwards: P Kliendienst, T Sheens, R Elliott, B Ward, R Workman, R Clothier **Referee: R Humphreys (Rugby League Week 29th August 1970)**

End of the season is a time for stock-taking, and the coaches of Wests and Penrith did this after the game at Penrith Park which Wests won 21 to 7. Both teams finished the season down the ladder, but not in the dumps. Wests' coach Ron Watson named the "finds" of the season he hopes will be the nucleus of next year's side. He nominated Kevin Timbs, a recruit from Dapto, as the forward with the most promise. He was also pleased with the way 26-year-old "veteran" John Armstrong has solved the team's prop position problem. Armstrong has never played better than in the second half of the competition. In the backs, John Maxwell and Tom Raudonikis have developed into one of Sydney's best half-back combinations. Don Rogers, a tear-away winger, will get even better next season and he showed his class and speed yesterday with three great tries. ... **(Sun 24th August 1970)**

Referee Richie Humphreys sent Penrith winger Bob Landers from the field following a fiery incident in the Panthers' match against Western Suburbs at Penrith yesterday. Landers, who came on as a second-half replacement for John Moran, clashed with Wests' prop, Jim Cody. Referee Humphreys told Penrith Secretary Merv Cartwright Landers would be charged with punching and butting. He said he would also report to the judiciary committee that Landers had spat at his feet. Wests took charge of the game in the opening minutes when winger Don Rogers scored a try and followed with another five minutes later. Wests went on to a comfortable 21-7 win. **(Sydney Morning Herald 24th August 1970)**

.... As to the game. It was all over after Sydney's most promising young winger, Don Rogers, had notched two slashing tries in the first nine minutes. Sprinting practice has put the edge on Rogers. Every time he saw daylight, he left the opposition, including his opposite number, professional sprinter, Mal McMartin, and his backing-up was outstanding. Wests were aided by a 15 to 10 scrum advantage, which gave their smart backs plenty of opportunities. Penrith supporters were not happy about Humphreys' rulings and were so irate that he was honoured with a police escort from the field. The Panthers vocal secretary Merv Cartwright was muttering about reporting Humphreys. This was mainly because he awarded Wests five scrum penalties to Penrith's one in the second half. The game never rose to great heights, but both sides tried to exploit over-ambitious moves. "Veteran" Laurie Fagan had his usual good game, rewarded with a try under the posts. He more than held his own with the up-and-coming Maxwell-Raudonikis half combination..... Both sides have plenty of potential for next season, but will have to do a little judicious buying to plug some of the holes. **(Rugby League Week 29th August 1970)**

Notes: Bob Landers was sent off for fighting and also spitting at the feet of the referee, Richard Humphreys. With the send-off, and winning the scrums 15-10, Wests were always in control. The highlight was the speed displayed by Don Rogers, who had been doing sprint training. He scored two great early tries that set up the match.