



1983 Round 22 Sunday 31st July Penrith Park



Western Suburbs 38

def.

Penrith 24

Wayne SMITH
 Allan WOODS
 David HARRIS
 Mark BEAVEN
 Trevor COGGER
 Scott GALE
 Terry LAMB (c)
 Michael DUKE
 Brett GALE
 Brian BATTESE
 Ian FREEMAN
 Arthur MOUNTIER
 Bruce CLARK
 Grant FYVIE
 Paul GEARIN

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

Craig McALPINE
 Rod WRIGHT
 Brad IZZARD
 Paul YOUNANE
 Ken WOLFE
 Darryl GRIFFEN
 Des HASLER
 Graeme JENNINGS
 Matt GOODWIN
 Don PRICE
 Brad WAUGH
 Royce SIMMONS (c)
 Lew ZIVANOVIC
 Mike SMITH
 Craig CONNOR
 Steve ROBINSON

Tries Trevor COGGER (2)
 Wayne SMITH
 Scott GALE
 Michael DUKE
 Mark BEAVEN

Paul YOUNANE (2)
 Rod WRIGHT (2)
 Craig McALPINE

Goals Terry LAMB (7)

Graeme JENNINGS (1)
 Craig McALPINE (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: A Woods, M Beaven, D Harris, T Cogger; five-eighth: T Lamb (c); half: S Gale; forwards: M Duke, B Gale, B Battese, I Freeman, A Mountier, B Clark

Penrith: Full-back: C McAlpine; three-quarters: R Wright, P Younane, B Izzard, K Wolfe; five-eighth: D Griffen; half: D Hasler; forwards: G Jennings, M Goodwin, D Price, L Zivanovic, R Simmons (c), B Waugh

Referee: G Annesley (The Sun 1st August 1983)

Western Suburbs' Rugby League coach, Len Stacker, could barely contain his enthusiasm after the battling Magpies had overpowered his former club, Penrith, for the second time this season at Penrith Park yesterday. Wests ran out 38-24 winners after taking an unbeatable 30-2 lead at half-time. Wests thrashed Penrith 40-6 in their first clash this season at Lidcombe Oval. Stacker was overjoyed. "We wanted that one. We've now beaten all the rich clubs," he said. The stars for Wests were two big forwards, front-rower Bruce Clark and second-rower Brett Gale. "Clark destroyed us," a glum-faced Penrith coach, John Peard, said. Clark continually took on the Penrith forwards with his power-house running and then slipped the ball to his supporters. His effort was highlighted by a delightful pass to winger Trevor Cogger, 20 minutes into the second half, which resulted in try no. 2 for Cogger and stopped a potential Penrith revival. Penrith had posted three tries in the opening 14 minutes of the second half and was playing with far more enthusiasm when Clark charged upfield. **(Sydney Morning Herald 1st August 1983)**

An old-fashioned Rugby League front-rower from Western Suburbs. Bruce "Bruiser" Clark, ripped apart a lack-lustre Penrith at Penrith Park yesterday. Clark, 24, had a hand in five of the six tries the Magpies posted in a high-scoring 38-24 win. The loss left the Panthers in a three-way battle for this year's Winfield Cup wooden spoon and the players' performance earned the wrath of the home crowd. They were soundly booed as they trooped off the paddock at half-time trailing a massive 30 points to two. But the honours in a devastating 80-minute performance belonged to Clark whose crisp, short passes led to tries in the 20th, 25th, 29th and 33rd minutes as the Magpies' backline stepped into top gear. "We made him look like a genius," was Penrith's coach John Peard's reaction. While Clark did all the spadework in the forwards, little Terry Lamb was a terrier in the backline. He turned halfback when the Magpies had the scrum feed, landed seven goals from nine attempts and his judicial line-kicking often had the Penrith defence back-peddalling. Not far behind Clark and Lamb was veteran Wayne Smith in his unfamiliar role at full-back. He was courageous in taking a smattering of high bombs and was often the springboard for Wests' attacking raids. **(The Sun 1st August 1983)**

Notes: There were some outstanding performances in this easy win. "Bruiser" Clark took Penrith apart, having a hand in five of the six tries, while Terry Lamb completely dominated the halves battle. Brian Battese was back with a typically strong game while Brett Gale had his best game of the season. Allan Woods debuted on the wing, in for David Greene, and Wayne Smith, moved to fullback, was very penetrative.