



# 1985 Round 24 Sunday 18th August Pratten Park



## Penrith 42

Mark LEVY  
Ben GONZALES  
Brad IZZARD  
Steve ROBINSON  
Brett LOBB  
David BURNES  
Greg ALEXANDER  
Warren FENTON  
Gary HOWELL  
Lew ZIVANOVIC  
Geoff GERARD  
Royce SIMMONS (c)  
Matt GOODWIN  
Mark ROBINSON  
John CARTWRIGHT  
Greg CLEMENTS

def.

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

## Western Suburbs 16

Leo EPIFANIA  
John McARTHUR  
Brett GALE  
Wayne WIGHAM  
Gerald CELARC  
Trevor COGGER  
Michael NEIL  
Allen GEELAN  
Craig MADSEN  
Lee CROOKS (c)  
Terry LEABEATER  
Alan FALLAH  
Bruce CLARK  
Gary McFARLANE  
Greg DUVAL



### Tries

Gary HOWELL (2)  
Royce SIMMONS  
Steve ROBINSON  
Brad IZZARD  
Ben GONZALES  
Greg ALEXANDER

Wayne WIGHAM  
John McARTHUR

### Goals

Greg ALEXANDER (7)

Lee CROOKS (4)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: L Epifania; three-quarters: J McArthur, B Gale, W Wigham, G Celarc; five-eighth: T Cogger; half: M Neil; forwards: A Geelan, C Madsen, L Crooks (c), B Clark, A Fallah, T Leabeater

**Penrith:** Full-back: M Levy; three-quarters: B Lobb, B Izzard, S Robinson, B Gonzales; five-eighth: D Burnes; half: G Alexander; forwards: W Fenton, G Howell, L Zivanovic, M Goodwin, R Simmons (c), G Gerard **Referee: M Stone (The Daily Mirror 19th August 1985)**

Penrith coach Tim Sheens' admiration for second-rower Garry Howell reached lofty heights yesterday as the Panthers continued their dice with semi-final history by devastating Western Suburbs 42-16 at Pratten Park. In an uncharacteristic display of enthusiasm for one of his players, Sheens let his praise for Howell flow like a torrent after the Panthers had given Wests a seven try mauling to retain an equal share of fifth premiership spot. "He's the most dangerous attacking second-rower in Sydney," Sheens said, in a glowing tribute to Howell's destructive running style. "He's not only got the ability to break the line, but off-load under pressure as well. He really can be a match-winner." While there are several coaches who would treat Sheens' comments with contempt, Howell certainly deserved his hour of glory yesterday. Shrugging off a dose of the 'flu, Howell wrought havoc on the Wests' defence before he was replaced in the 64th minute gasping for breath. "I had to bring him off - he was finding it increasingly hard to breathe," Sheens said. ... "We can ride to the semi-finals on the backs of guys like Matt Goodwin," Sheens said, reflecting on the form of his robust second-rower who took on Wests with ferocity. "Although we did a couple of silly things, we did enough to overcome them. There is not much more I can say except the game against Canterbury will be a telling one." Sheens is aware Penrith's chances of a play-off could be dashed if beaten by the Bulldogs at Penrith next weekend. Wests helped the Panthers' cause yesterday with a poor tackling display and a disregard of pre-match instructions which left coach Ken Gentle disgusted. "Our defence was pathetic," Gentle said after watching his team concede 20 points in the first half and another 22 in the second. "I also stressed that when kicking, kick away from Ben Gonzales. Instead, what happened? We kept kicking it to him." Gentle's anger over Wests' performance was tinged with respect for Penrith. "They are a good team and played very well," Gentle added - and it was hard to disagree. If it was not one of the forwards bulldozing ahead, it was gifted half-back Greg Alexander out-witting the Magpies with his skills. **(Daily Telegraph 19th August 1985)**

**Notes:** Penrith exploited a lack of pace in the backs to score a runaway win against a very disappointing Wests. The defence was lacking again; there were a lot of missed tackles and dropped ball. Gary McFarlane impressed when he came on as a replacement.