



1975 Round 3 Sunday 6th April Penrith Park



Penrith 20

Wayne MOORE
 Gary ALLSOPP
 Glenn WEST
 Phil CAPPER
 Ross GIGG
 Zac OLEJARNIK
 John KLEIN
 Roy WEST
 Dave HODGE
 Bill ASHURST
 Tim SHEENS
 Mike STEPHENSON (c)
 Terry GEARY

def.

Western Suburbs 11

John DORAHY
 Robbie PARKER
 Stephen KNIGHT
 John HEYWARD
 Russell MULLINS
 Tim MURPHY
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Chris WELLMAN
 Mick LIUBINSKAS
 John DONNELLY
 Pat HUNDY
 Shane DAY
 Jim MURPHY
 Ron GITEAU
 John PURCELL



Tries

Mike STEPHENSON (2)
 Gary ALLSOPP
 Glenn WEST

Russell MULLINS

Goals

Bill ASHURST (4)

John DORAHY (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Dorahy; three-quarters: R Parker, S Knight, J Heyward, R Mullins; five-eighth: T Murphy; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: C Wellman, M Liubinskas, J Donnelly, P Hundy, S Day, J Murphy

Penrith: Full-back: W Moore; three-quarters: P Capper, G Allsopp, G West, R Gigg; five-eighth: Z Olejarnik; half: J Klein; forwards: R West, D Hodge, W Ashurst, T Sheens, M Stephenson (c), T Geary **Referee: C Edwards (Rugby League Week 12th April 1975)**

Defensive tactics planned by skipper-coach Mick Stephenson paid dividends as Penrith went to a shock 20-11 win over Western Suburbs at Penrith Park yesterday. The plan was evolved following a second-half collapse last week when Manly scored a runaway win over Penrith. Yesterday, Penrith tackled tigerishly. Wests spent at least 75 per cent of the first half in Penrith territory but the Penrith defensive line kept them from crossing for a try. Stephenson contributed two tries to Penrith's victory. His second try four minutes from the end, settled the issue after Penrith had led 15-11. His combination with fellow Englishman Bill Ashurst thrilled the 10,827 spectators. Stephenson rated Penrith's win as a "real team effort." But Zac Olejarnik (five-eighth), Ross Gigg (wing) and Tim Sheens (prop) were outstanding. Penrith, with a wind advantage, led 13-4 at half-time. Stephenson, Allsopp and Glenn West had scored tries, two of which Ashurst converted. Full-back John Dorahy had landed two penalty goals for Wests. Wests fought back in the second-half through a try by winger Russell Mullins and two goals by Dorahy. Stephenson was carried from the field 13 minutes from the end, but returned with his ankle heavily bandaged to score the try which clinched Penrith's win. **(Daily Telegraph 7th April 1975)**

Defensive tactics planned by skipper-coach Mick Stephenson paid dividends for Penrith against Western Suburbs at Penrith Park. His plan was evolved following a second-half collapse last week when Manly-Warringah raced home to a runaway win. Wests spent at least 75 per cent of the first half in Penrith's territory but the Panthers' defensive line held firm and provided the foundations for a 13-4 interval lead. Stephenson rated it a real team effort but five-eighth Zac Olejarnik, centre Ross Gigg, winger Gary Allsopp and prop-forward Tim Sheens were magnificent. And it was a try four minutes from the end by Stephenson, whose combination with fellow Englishman Bill Ashurst thrilled the 10,827 crowd, which settled the issue. Allsopp opened the scoring six minutes after the start when he intercepted a pass from Wests' second-rower Mick Liubinskas and raced 70 metres to cross in the corner. Glenn West and Stephenson also went in for tries and the only reply from Wests was two penalties by full-back John Dorahy. Dorahy kicked another penalty in the second half and converted a try scored by right winger Russell Mullins. Stephenson was carried off 13 minutes from the end but soon came back with his ankle heavily bandaged. Scrums favoured Penrith 9-5 and Wests received nine penalties to 5. **(Sydney Morning Herald 7th April 1975)**

Notes: Wests were on the back foot from the start of this game where Penrith employed effective defensive tactics. Wests were backing up after a torrid mid-week Amco Cup game that they lost on penalties after an 11-all draw at full-time. Dorahy, Donnelly and Wellman all carried injuries into this match from that game. They let in three first half tries, one an intercept and one from a dropped ball, and although battling back to 11-15 let in a late try. In a bright spot, Chris Wellman had another good game. Some sloppy reporting here, where the Sydney Morning Herald just regurgitated the Telegraph report or vice versa.