



# 1978 Round 3 Sunday 9th April Lidcombe Oval



## Western Suburbs 25

def.

## Penrith 11

Buddy CAIN  
 Don MOSELEY  
 Les BOYD  
 Ron GITEAU  
 Wayne SMITH  
 Peter ROWLES  
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)  
 Graeme O'GRADY  
 Geoff FOSTER  
 Steve BLYTH  
 John DONNELLY  
 John PURCELL  
 Peter YOUNG

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

Kevin DANN  
 Gary ALLSOPP  
 Greg MOORE  
 Ross GIGG  
 Russell MULLINS  
 Ken WILSON (c)  
 Terry WICKEY  
 Ken BOUSFIELD  
 Paul MERLO  
 John KING  
 Ross CALE  
 George LONGHURST  
 Tim SHEENS  
 Jim HINDMARSH  
 Phil GOULD

### Tries

Don MOSELEY (2)  
 Wayne SMITH  
 Geoff FOSTER  
 Peter ROWLES  
 Les BOYD

George LONGHURST  
 Terry WICKEY  
 Ross GIGG

### Goals

Peter ROWLES (4) One Field Goal

Jim HINDMARSH (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: E Cain; three-quarters: D Moseley, R Giteau, L Boyd, W Smith; five-eighth: P Rowles; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: G O'Grady, G Foster, S Blyth, J Donnelly, J Purcell, P Young

**Penrith:** Full-back: K Dann; three-quarters: G Allsopp, G Moore, R Gigg, R Mullins; five-eighth: K Wilson (c); half: T Wickey; forwards: K Bousfield, J King, P Merlo, R Cale, G Longhurst, T Sheens **Referee: G Hartley (Rugby League Week 15th April 1978)**

Western Suburbs posted their first "home" Rugby League victory over Penrith in four seasons at Lidcombe Oval yesterday with the aid of three opportunist tries. The Magpies' convincing 25-11 win was only their second victory against Penrith on home territory since Penrith entered the first division in 1967. ... Wests notched six tries to three, although things might have been closer had careless passes not provided the home side with two intercept tries. Both intercepts were taken by winger Don Moseley who had an immaculate game, racing 80 metres to score his second try. Another dropped ball was scooped up by Graham O'Grady and served to the other Wests' winger Wayne Smith to score. O'Grady was sensational at times, playing a hand in three of Wests' tries. He only came into the side as a late replacement for regular Mick Liubinskas who was out with a shoulder injury. ... But the defence of the entire Wests' pack, especially Steve Blyth (34 tackles) and O'Grady (17) was resolute. Les Boyd was a big success in the centre although he dropped several balls and Peter Rowles continued his high standard at five-eighth. The brightest spark in the Magpies' offence again came from the full-back. But in the absence of Dorahy it was new-comer Buddy Cain who featured in some spectacular aerial takes under intense pressure. Geoff Foster maintained his dynamic bustling form and when this Western Suburbs team settles down into a more comprehensive unit it will be capable of beating any side in the competition. **(Daily Telegraph 10th April 1978)**

It was a sad return to his old home ground at Lidcombe for Penrith Rugby League Club coach Don Parish when Western Suburbs beat his team 25-11. "It was close to the worst performance of any team I've coached," Parish said later. "We had them on the run and I cannot believe a team can be beaten in 10 minutes of football," Parish, who coached Wests for five years, said. Penrith's loss was all the worse considering they led 3-0 after 11 minutes and in this period had stormed the Wests tryline continually. But Wests, inspired by a superb game from replacement lock Graham O'Grady, over-ran Penrith from midway through the first half. O'Grady set up tries for second-rower Geoff Foster in the 35th minute and five-eight Peter Rowles only two minutes later to give them a 14-3 lead at half-time..... **(Sydney Morning Herald 10th April 1978)**

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**Notes:** Mick Liubinskas was a late withdrawal with a shoulder injury and was replaced by Graeme O'Grady, who was one of the best players on the field, setting up three of the tries. The use of Les Boyd, coming back after suspension, in the centres, was a huge success. Wests were all over Penrith for most of the game after a slow start. John Purcell won the scrums 11-6, while ex-Souths' Buddy Cain was a powerful substitute for Dorahy at full-back. This was the first time for four years that Wests had beaten Penrith at Lidcombe