## 1983 Round 9 Sunday 24th April Lidcombe Oval





## Penrith 6



Fullback Mark LEVY (c) Neville GLOVER Wing Centre Chris HOUGHTON Centre **Paul YOUNANE** Shane MARSHALL Wing Five-eighth **Brad IZZARD** Half **Greg CLEMENTS** Lock Warren FENTON Second Row Matt GOODWIN Second Row **Robert JACKSON** Front Row **Brad WAUGH** Hooker **Royce SIMMONS** Lew ZIVANOVIC Front Row Replacement **Brett LOBB** Replacement Craig CONNOR Replacement Mike SMITH Replacement **Graeme JENNINGS** 

Tries Terry LAMB (3)

Wayne SMITH Michael NEIL David GREENE Warren BOLAND Brad IZZARD

Goals Greg COX (6)

Shane MARSHALL (1)

## **Match Description**

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Boland (c); three-quarters: S Broughton, W Smith, M Beaven, D Greene; five-eighth: M Neil; half: T Lamb; forwards: G Cox, M Duke, B Battese, M Massone, D Hall, W Hilliard

**Penrith:** Full-back: M Levy (c); three-quarters: N Glover, C Houghton, P Younane, S Marshall; five-eighth: B Izzard; half: G Clements; forwards: W Fenton, M Goodwin, R Jackson, B Waugh, R Simmons, L Zivanovic **Referee: B Barnes (The Sun 25th April 1983)** 

A chance meeting two weeks ago with rival coach Jack Gibson helped Len Stacker formulate a strategy for Wests to annihilate Penrith 40-6 at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. "Jack and I were talking about tactical kicking and a few things stuck in my mind which I knew would work in today's game," said Stacker, a former Penrith coach. Wests scored three of their first four tries from clever kicks and the Penrith defence did not have a chance to get mobilised. Leading the way for the Magpies was half-back Terry Lamb who bounced back to the form that won him a State jumper two seasons ago. He scored three tries, after playing havoc with the Panthers' defence all day, and tackled fiercely. It was a vastly different Wests' side to the one that slogged out a forgettable 6-6 draw with Souths the previous week. Stacker said: "I knew we had three of the best tactical kickers going around in Lamb, Cox and Smith. They only had Levy who always stands deep in defence so the chip-kick was obvious." The Panthers showed none of the courage they displayed in fighting back to pip Balmain by a point last week. The forwards were leaderless without talented prop Darryl Brohman. Their attack consisted mainly of the dummy-half taking the ball and charging into the receptive Wests' forwards. Coach John Peard could offer no excuses, but paid high tribute to Stacker's tactics. Wests' second-rower Brian Battese impressed again and is proving the best buy the Magpies have made for several seasons. He is a strong, rugged player and showed in one 50-metre dash that he has amazing pace – it took a centre to run him down. Hooker David Hall made amends for bombing three tries last week with a fine non-stop effort and should continue to keep the solid veteran Arthur Mountier in reserves. ... (Daily Telegraph 25th April 1983)

At battling Wests, the odds are stacked against Terry Lamb, but he's still not conceding a solitary blade of grass to Kangaroo halves, Steve Mortimer and Peter Sterling in this year's representative race. At Lidcombe on Sunday, Lamb played as though all the fanfare directed at his glamour rivals was a personal affront. The Magpie star made his recognition undeniable as he carved up Penrith, scoring three tries in a 40-6 blitzing and earning the highest accolades from his coach Len Stacker. "Terry was magnificent today and is up with the best of them – he's a complete footballer," Stacker said........ (The Sun 26th April 1983)

**Notes:** This was a surprisingly easy win after a rugged 20-minute softening-up period. Lamb, Cox and Neil all used the chip kick to great effect with Penrith fullback Levy standing deep and the backline ran in seven tries. Lamb was the star, with Michael Neil underlining his potential and Brian Battese, yet again, the pick of the forwards.

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