



1995 Round 9 Sunday 7th May Penrith Park



Penrith 33

Matt ADAMSON
 Robbie BECKETT
 Matt SING
 Ryan GIRDLER
 Scott PETHYBRIDGE
 Steve CARTER
 Gary FREEMAN
 Brad FITTLER
 John CARTWRIGHT (c)
 Carl MacNAMARA
 Fa'ausu AFOA
 Brett BOYD
 Steve WADDELL
 Barry WALKER
 Phil ADAMSON
 David ALEXANDER
 Jody GALL

def.

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

Western Suburbs 20

Andrew LEEDS
 Ken McGUINNESS
 Paul BELL
 Brandon PEARSON
 Darren WILLIS
 Andrew WILLIS
 Steve GEORGALLIS
 Paul LANGMACK (c)
 Justin DOOLEY
 Bill DUNN
 Brent STUART
 Ciriaco MESCIA
 Glenn GRIEF
 Mark HORO
 Kevin McGUINNESS
 Kyle WHITE
 Josh WHITE



Tries
 Steve CARTER (2)
 Matt SING
 Gary FREEMAN
 Robbie BECKETT
 Matt ADAMSON

Andrew LEEDS (2)
 Paul BELL

Goals
 Ryan GIRDLER (4)
 Brad FITTLER (1) Field Goal

Andrew LEEDS (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Leeds; three-quarters: K McGuinness, B Pearson, P Bell, D Willis; five-eighth; A Willis; half: S Georgallis; forwards: P Langmack (c), J Dooley, B Dunn, B Stuart, C Mescia, G Grief

Penrith: Full-back: M Adamson; three-quarters: S Pethybridge, R Girdler, M Sing, R Beckett; five-eighth: S Carter; half: G Freeman; forwards: B Fittler, J Cartwright (c), C MacNamara, F Afoa, B Boyd, S Waddell **Referee: P McBlane (Daily Telegraph 8th May 1995)**

Penrith took rugby league back to the Wild West days of the 1970s in a stunning opening to yesterday's clash with Western Suburbs. And the man amazed by most of it all was Western Suburbs' coach Tom Raudonikis, central figure of many of league's fiercest battles of that era. Raudonikis was helpless to act as the Panthers battered the Magpies out of the match, throwing caution to the wind in a brutal opening. "I didn't think that sort of thing was allowed anymore," a perplexed Raudonikis said, shaking his head. "They caught us on the hop with their strong-arm tactics, but it won't happen again. Next time if a team tries that on us, we'll be ready." ... The Panthers came out breathing fire, conceded the first eight points and four penalties, but taking a heavy toll on the Magpies in the process. Dubious tackles rendered Wests' enthusiastic front-rowers Glenn Grief and Brent Stuart as virtual passengers, before a wild brawl proved the turning point of the game. After half a dozen players traded blows in the 12th minute, referee Paul McBlane singled out Magpie forward Mark Horo for the sin-bin. The Panthers sensed their chance and pounced, turning an 8-0 deficit into a 12-8 lead by the time Horo returned. The confidence renewed, Penrith produced a magical 20-minute spell to have the premiership points signed, sealed and delivered at 26-8 shortly before half-time. ... The Panthers were awesome with the ball, with attacking spearheads John Cartwright, Gary Freeman and Steve Carter leading the way. ... The Magpies started well and apart from losing the plot when hit by Penrith's torrid opening, handled themselves well. With star forward Jim Serdaris missing and Grief and Stuart virtually out of business, the Magpies had trouble containing Penrith's experienced playmakers. But the Magpies finished the game positively, matching the Panthers in the second half after losing their way so badly in the first period "We didn't allow them to rack up a cricket score and anything was possible after they scored all those tries in the first half," Raudonikis said. "We regrouped well and will learn from this. There will be no savage postmortems; we'll look at the video tomorrow and then put it under the carpet." The Magpies are still well on track for the finals with five wins from nine rounds. ... **(The Daily Telegraph Mirror 8th May 1995)**

Notes: Played after a period of heavy rain, Wests badly missed the in-form Jim Serdaris. Penrith came out firing and there was an all-in brawl after 12 minutes which resulted in Mark Horo going to the sin-bin. Tommy Raudonikis felt it was a turning point. Paul Langmack also had a critical try disallowed from a supposed forward pass. Wests were battered in a number of dubious tackles. Younger brother of Ken, Kevin McGuinness, made his debut as a replacement.