



1971 Round 14 Sunday 27th June Penrith Park



Penrith 14

Mike LEARY
 Reg HATTON
 David APPLEBEE
 Ian McKECHNIE (c)
 Mal McMARTIN
 Grahame MORAN
 Noel SING
 Phil KLIENDIENST
 Bruce WARD
 Rod ELLIOTT
 Terry GEARY
 Ron WORKMAN
 Ron CLOTHIER
 Gary HARVEY

def.

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

Western Suburbs 8

Tony FORD
 Don ROGERS
 Noel HURFORD
 Jon CLARK
 Mick ALCHIN
 Tim MURPHY
 Brian WINNEY
 Neville SINCLAIR
 John BAKER
 Barry BRYANT
 Russell JOHNSTONE
 Ken STONESTREET
 Kevin TIMBS (c)
 Derek BROUWER
 Barry BOSS



Tries

David APPLEBEE
 Grahame MORAN

Derek BROUWER
 Russell JOHNSTONE

Goals

Bruce WARD (2)
 Gary HARVEY (2)

Tony FORD (1)

Match Description

Penrith: Full-back: M Leary; three-quarters: M McMartin, D Applebee, I McKechnie (c), R Hatton; five-eighth: G Moran; half: N Sing; forwards: P Kliendienst, R Elliott, B Ward, T Geary, R Workman, R Clothier

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, T Murphy, J Clark, M Alchin; five-eighth: N Sinclair; half: B Winney; forwards: B Bryant, A Antunac, J Baker, R Johnstone, K Stonestreet, K Timbs (c) **Referee: J Harris (The Sun 25th June 1971)**

David Applebee's highly controversial try held the only interest in an otherwise drab Penrith-Western Suburbs Rugby league game at Penrith yesterday. The battling Penrith centre finished off a move started inside their own 25 by Mike Leary with support from Mal McLachlan and Phil Kliendienst. A stunned crowd of 5,561 saw Applebee halted by Wests' full-back Tony Ford, only to break clear to score near the posts. Referee Jack Harris came in for abuse from both camps, with Wests' coach Ron Watson, particularly bitter. "Harris called to Applebee to play the ball and the Wests' defenders held off waiting for him to do so," Watson said. "I couldn't believe it when Harris followed Applebee to the posts and awarded a try," he added. The three points sent the home side into a 12-8 lead with eight minutes to go – and virtually won them the game. But Penrith can thank tireless prop Ron Clothier and five-eighth Grahame Moran for keeping their semi-final hopes alive. Clothier, although the slowest man on the field, continually gained valuable ground through the poor Wests' defence. His ability to slip the ball away to supports made him the man of the match, with Moran not far behind. Stand-in five-eighth Tim Murphy turned in an 80-minute display for the losers but he had little support, apart from Russell Johnstone and Barry Bryant. Losing goal-kicker J Clark, with a broken jaw early in the game, proved costly for Wests with only one goal from eight attempts raising the flags. "We were dead lucky," said Penrith coach Bob Boland after the game – and that summed it up well. **(The Sun 28th June 1971)**

Penrith Rugby League centre David Applebee scored a controversial try which clinched a 14-8 victory over Western Suburbs at Penrith Park. Applebee scored the try eight minutes before the end of the match. Coaches Bob Boland (Penrith) and Ron Watson (Wests) doubted the legality of the try. Boland said it "a touch and go decision." Watson said the try should not have been allowed. Applebee shot Penrith to a four-point lead when he slid over for the try. Referee Jack Harris said Wests' full-back Tony Ford came in to make the tackle, but did not halt Applebee's progress. The unconverted try gave Penrith a 12-8 lead. Gary Harvey then kicked an easy penalty goal for Penrith three minutes from the end. Wests could have reversed the result if goal-kicker Noel Hurford had been on beam. Hurford failed with all five attempts he had at goal. Ford kicked one goal from two attempts. Ford finished the match suffering from concussion **(Daily Telegraph 28th June 1971)**

Notes: This was a controversial match, with a hotly disputed Applebee try making the difference. He was tackled by Tony Ford but was allowed to play on to score a converted try. Tony Ford was heavily concussed and Jon Clark broke his jaw. Tim Murphy moved to five-eighth and Derek Brouwer and Barry Boss came on as replacements. Tom Raudonikis was in NZ playing for Australia. In other news, Peter Flanders was put on a \$3,000 transfer after a long appeal process.