1967 Round 6 Sunday 30th April Penrith Park

Western Suburbs 16

def.

Fullback

Penrith 12



John ARMSTRONG

Doug WALKADEN

Ken STONESTREET

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

Phil HUGHES
Bob LANDERS (c)
Ern GILLON
John WATKINS
David APPLEBEE
Tom WILSON
Laurie FAGAN
Jack SINCLAIR
Russ JOHNSTONE
Bill McCALL
Geoff WALDIE
Ron WORKMAN
Barry HARRIS

Tries

Denis PITTARD
Don PARISH

Noel DOLTON

Bob LANDERS (2)

Goals

Don PARISH (3)

Rob McGUINESS (2) Field Goals

Bob LANDERS (3)

Match Description

Penrith: Full-back: P Hughes; three-quarters: R Landers, E Gillon, J Watkins, D Applebee; five-eighth: T Wilson; half; L Fagan; forwards: J Sinclair, R Johnstone, W McCall, G Waldie, R Workman, B Harris

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Parish; three-quarters: J Mowbray, R McGuiness (c), R Ferguson, D Barsley; five-eighth: D Pittard; half: P Thomas; forwards; B Bryant, J Hayes, J Armstrong, D Walkaden, K Stonestreet, N Dolton Referee: L Samuelson (as per program Rugby League News 29th/30th April 1967 + newspaper validation)

Two field goals gave Western Suburbs the edge over Penrith in their exciting Rugby League match yesterday. Wests beat the reconstructed Penrith team 16-12 at Penrith Oval. Each team scored two tries and kicked three goals but West's centre, Bob McGuinness, added the two decisive field goals. The first came just before half-time for West to lead 9-7 and the second was kicked just on full-time. ... Landers scored all of Penrith's points. But Wests looked the better side. It constantly probed for openings and its forwards were dominant. Wests' backs also had a very good day, with centre McGuinness slightly shading his supports. Don Parish, who replaced Tony Ford as Wests' full-back, was up with the three-quarter line frequently and spearheaded a number of movements. (Sydney Morning Herald 1st May 1967)

Penrith Rugby League captain Tony Brown will go into hospital today for a cartilage operation, and will be out for at least six weeks. Brown's absence will be a severe blow to Penrith who have more than their share of injury problems. It will be the second cartilage operation Brown has had in his long and colourful career. In 1957, while playing five-eighth for Newtown, he suffered cartilage trouble and had the "gristle" removed from his left knee. This week's operation will be on Brown's right knee. "What a time to have an operation," a dejected Brown said yesterday. The loss of Brown, who now plays lock, five-eighth Graham Moran and centre Wayne Peckham crippled Penrith beyond repair. But never to be outdone, Penrith strained all their reserves to hold Western Suburbs to a 16-12 defeat. The only difference in the scores was two neat field goals by Wests' captain Bob McGuinness. The presence of a fit Moran in the Penrith attack could have turned the tables on Wests. His straightening of the attack would have prevented second-rowers Russ Johnston and Bill McCall cramping backline movements. Johnstone was a big disappointment following his strong performance against Saints the previous week. He went to ground too often and never got warmed up. Moran and the pacey Peckham will be back for the match against Eastern Suburbs which should draw another big crowd....... Penrith winger Bob Landers nearly proved a match-winner by scoring all his team's points and may have been unlucky to miss a run with City Seconds. Wests' five-eighth Denis Pittard again sparked the attack and few players have shown such rapid improvement since last season. Pittard played the game yesterday with a slight split behind the knuckle. An X-ray last week revealed there was no break but he will have another X-ray in case he suffered further damage. Wests' coach Noel Kelly, who handed out two vital instructions from the sideline, said after the game Penrith would be a 10 point better side on their home field. Kelly has delayed his return to football until May 13, when Wests meet Easts at Lidcombe Oval. (The Sun 1st May 1967)

Notes: The first ever meeting between Wests and Penrith resulted in a hard-fought Wests win. The match was in doubt until Bob McGuiness landed a great field goal late in the match. Tony Ford was a late withdrawal but Don Parish, filling in, had an excellent game. In the end the dominance of the Wests' forwards decided the result.

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