1973 Round 14 Sunday 24th June Lidcombe Oval

Western Suburbs 33 def. Penrith 18

Tony FORD	***Fullback***	Wayne MOORE
Stephen SATTERLY	***Wing***	Norm GILLIGAN
Stephen KNIGHT	***Centre***	Graham MORAN
Robbie PARKER	***Centre***	Peter SWANSON
Russell MULLINS	***Wing***	Peter ARCHIBALD
Neville SINCLAIR	***Five-eighth***	Peter LANGMACK
Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)	***Half***	Zac OLEJARNIK
John BAKER	***Lock***	Ron LYNCH (c)
Geoff FOSTER	***Second Row***	Dennis TUTTY
Barry BRYANT	***Second Row***	Geoff BRACKEN
John O'BRYAN	***Front Row***	Tim SHEENS
Shane DAY	***Hooker***	Denis COFFEY
Jim CODY	***Front Row***	Terry GEARY
Nick MOROKO	***Replacement***	Gary HARVEY

Tries	Russell MULLINS (2)	Peter ARCHIBALD
	Tom RAUDONIKIS	Geoff BRACKEN
	Stephen KNIGHT	Norm GILLIGAN
	Geoff FOSTER	Peter SWANSON
Go*als*	Tony FORD (9)	Norm GILLIGAN (3)

Match Description

Penrith: Full-back: W Moore; three-quarters: N Gilligan, P Archibald, P Swanson, G Moran; five-eighth: P Langmack; half: Z Olejarnik; forwards: R Lynch (c), G Bracken, D Tutty, T Sheens, D Coffey, T Geary

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: S Satterly, S Knight, R Parker, R Mullins; five-eighth: N Sinclair; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: J Baker, B Bryant, G Foster, J O'Bryan, S Day, J Cody **Referee: G Hartley (Rugby League Week 30th June 1973)**

Tony Ford kicked his way to the top of the point scoring list at Lidcombe Oval yesterday and left Wests with a faint hope of making the final five. Ford, a "new man" this year, kicked nine goals from nine attempts, taking his tally to 116 points. Wests beat Penrith 33-18, although it was Ford's huge tally that provided the large difference in the scores. Wests scored five tries to Penrith's four. Wests, who have won their past three matches, moved to within three points of fifth place and coach Don Parish claims he is still looking at a final five berth. "It will be hard …. We have to keep winning but it's not out of the question," he said after the match. Apart from Ford, Stephen Knight was the star of Wests' win. Knight, a big centre still learning the game, repeatedly crashed his way through Penrith and he cannot be left out of State consideration next Sunday night. Geoff Foster and John Baker played well in the forwards while Tommy Raudonikis was the schemer behind many of Wests' moves. **(The Sun 25th June 1973)**

Western Suburbs continued their determined climb from the base of the Rugby League table when they trounced Penrith 33-18 at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Wests scored five tries to four and full-back Tony Ford kicked nine goals from as many attempts to make his points total 116 for the season. International half Tom Raudonikis put Wests on the board in the fourth minute when he picked up a loose pass from Penrith centre Peter Swanson and outpaced the defence to touch down near the posts. Wests were not headed afterwards. They led 17-13 at half-time. Penrith battled on throughout the match but Ford's accurate kicking stifled every attempt they made to get back into the game. Giant centre Stephen Knight showed the form that won him selection in the World Cup last year. His bruising bursts caused havoc for the Penrith backs and he set up his supports well. Baker, Mullins and Raudonikis also stood out for Wests, while Bracken was Penrith's best. **(Daily Telegraph 25th June 1973)**

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Notes: *Geoff Foster showed he was relishing the move to the second row with a dashing game and Stephen Knight had his best game so far in the centres for Wests. Russell Mullins was back from injury and scored two good tries, while Tony Ford continued his good form, kicking nine out of nine. Raudonikis was a good schemer behind a winning pack. It was now three wins in a row since Jim Cody went back to the front row. In good news, Jim Murphy played his first game back from a broken jaw, having a run in Reserves.*