

## Mark Geyer

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**Mark Geyer** is a former Penrith second row forward , a state and national representative player and a current rugby league media identity. His club career was played with Penrith, Balmain and the Western Reds in a career from 1986 to 2000. He won a premiership with Penrith in 1991.

In 1989 Geyer gained a place in New South Wales State of Origin team. 1990 was lost to a succession of injuries, but came back to be selected for the Kangaroo Tour. Geyer played his first Test on that tour. During the 1991 season received a five-match suspension for an incident involving Wally Lewis in the second State of Origin game and had to battle continuing injuries. Despite his problems during the season Geyer helped his team win the grand final. He set up all three Penrith tries and was only denied the Clive Churchill Medal by having been sin-binned earlier in the second half.

After moving to Perth with the newly formed Western Reds, Geyer showed good form despite a four-match suspension. The following two years were decimated by suspensions totalling sixteen games and several injuries. Despite some positive form late in 1996, News Corporation closed the door on the Western Reds a year later. Geyer spent the last three years of his career back at Penrith but concerns over his fitness limited his playing time due to starting from the interchange bench.

In 2000 Mark Geyer was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for his contribution to Australia's international standing in rugby league.

Since his retirement, Geyer has continued to write extensively during his career on league. Geyer's younger brother Matt Geyer also plays rugby league, for the Melbourne Storm. Geyer was a co-host on Australia's version of the Rugby League television program Boots N' All and is now a regular panelist on Rugby League talk show, The Sunday Roast.



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