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# Looking at League

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## Foreword from the President

The 1988 Newcastle Rugby Football Premiership Competition shows promise of being an exciting and close fought competition.

Last years semi-finalists Lakes, South Newcastle, West, Cessnock and Central Charlestown have all shown in the pre-season trials that each will be a strong and powerful Club. Macquarie, Waratah and Maitland have made wise acquisitions in their playing strength and have shown in the trials that their respective combinations will be strong with a little more time together. Kurri Kurri have shown in the trials that they have extremely strong local junior strength adding keenness and enthusiasm to their line up.

North Newcastle will be strengthened by the "train on" with Newcastle Knights players who will play with them in the 1988 season.

Rugby League is at its highest supporter level in the Newcastle and Coalfields area for decades. Newcastle Rugby Football League and its Clubs face the challenge of increasing attendances at matches from this enthusiasm. This will be achieved by sound administration and by each of the ten senior Clubs playing each week Rugby League at the high standard each is capable of playing.

All Clubs and their players have shown in the pre-trial season they can play high standard Rugby League — all in all 1988 should be a wonderful season of Rugby League in the Newcastle and Coalfields area.

I wish each and every Club a most successful season and I say to the Rugby League patrons, support your local Club in its effort to do well in 1988.

M. R. FOX, President

## NRL '87 — Knights '88

Some 15 players from the 1987 Newcastle Rugby League competition are currently in the Knights three teams. Rod Whitaker (Cessnock), Steve Walters and Michael McKiernan (Lakes) are holding down first grade spots and playing well in a team that is rapidly developing into a first class unit.

Greg Hayward (Lakes) and John Crooks and John Barr (South) are in the Reserve Grade squad which is currently leading the premiership.

Ashley Gordon and Grant Loades

(Souths), Alan Smith and David O'Brien (Cessnock), Paul Harragon and Brett Botham (Lakes), Steve Crowe (Macquarie), Derek McVey (Wests) and Brett Winkler (Maitland) form the nucleus of a very talented Under 21 team.

The number of local Newcastle players in the Under 21 team underlines the depth of talent in the Newcastle competition, and this is further emphasised by the strength of the Jersey Flegg, S. G. Ball and Country Championship Under 19 and Under 17 teams.

## Junior Country Championships

Training squads for the Under 19 and Under 17 Country Championships have been announced. The Under 19 Championship will be held at Gosford on weekend of April 30/ May 1 and the northern section of the Under 17 Championship at Port Macquarie on Saturday, May 7. The final of the Under 17 Championship will be played at Newcastle on Saturday, May 14.

The Under 19 Squad is:

Brad Blake (Lakes United), Scott McDonnell (Lakes), Kirk Shiels (Lakes), Adam Bogdanovs (Maitland), Troy Ernst (Maitland), Kevin Heta (Maitland), Karl Hughes (Maitland), Darryl Johnston (Maitland), Brendan Lantz (Maitland), Paul Crittenden (Griffith), Frank Ireland (Woodberry), Billy Ditton (Waratah), Steven Foot (Waratah), David Johnston (Waratah), Gary Hyland (Nelson Bay), Paul Lee (Western Suburbs), Peter Nelson (Dudley-Redhead), Jason Schiemer (Dudley-Redhead), Michael Pfeiffer (Cessnock).

Coach: John King.

34 players have been included in the Under 17 train-on squad. This number will be reduced after a further trial this week. John King is the coach of this team also.

## COUNTRY UNDER 19 COACH

Grant Bell, the Newcastle Rugby League's Coaching Director, has been appointed coach of the Country Under 19 team for the annual game against Sydney.

Grant had success last year with the Country team defeating Sydney 26-18. Grant in 1987 also coached the Newcastle team that won the Country Championship and the New South Wales team that defeated Queensland in the annual clash.

Congratulations, Grant. All the best for '88.

# NEWCASTLE RUGBY LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

Sunday, March 27—2.45 p.m.

Lyle Peacock Field

## Macquarie United

Green and gold

Coach: Olaf Prattl

- 1—PHIL DUNCAN 106
- 2—ROD WORKMAN
- 3—ALLAN WILLIAMS
- 4—DAVID HILL
- 5—GLEN SULLIVAN
- 6—WAYNE RADOL
- 7—MICK SULLIVAN (c)
- 8—PAUL HAZELL
- 9—MARK STORTENBEKER
- 10—TERRY STEVENSON
- 11—PETER LOCKWOOD
- 12—WAYNE FARMER
- 13—PHIL TYNE



### SCRUMS

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### PENALTIES

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Referee: P. Lovett

## North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

Coach: Ziggy Niszczot

- 1—PETER WILLIAMS
- 2—JAMES FLETCHER
- 3—DAVID STOWE
- 4—GREG CHRISTIANSEN
- 5—IAN LUCIETTO
- 6—TERRY DENT
- 7—DARRYL MAXWELL
- 8—MARK PAYNE
- 9—JERRY MAULA
- 10—DAVID STANFORD
- 11—BRUCE EDDON
- 12—PETER TAYLOR
- 13—BRETT DANN



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Touch Judges: D. Smith (Blue), P. Parkinson (Red)

## RESERVE GRADE — 1.20 p.m.

### MACQUARIE UNITED

Coach: Ian Gunn

- 1—Robert GUNN
- 2—Steve LITTLE
- 3—Jason HOLT
- 4—John Medland M. McCloskey/F. Christiansen
- 5—Rod JONES
- 6—Francis LAWLER
- 7—B. TOBIN/D. McKELVIE
- 8—Neil SUNNERTON
- 9—David HARLEY
- 10—Ray TURNER
- 11—Mick SULLIVAN
- 12—Jeff WILKES
- 13—

Referee: C. McCarthy

### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Peter Taylor

- 1—Darren BARRETT
- 2—Dave STEVENS
- 3—Peter SULLIVAN
- 4—Steve RIDGEWAY
- 5—Mark JACKSON
- 6—Craig AFFLICK
- 7—Robert GOLDEN
- 8—Michael PRATER
- 9—Jeff WILSON
- 10—Paul KODELA
- 11—Brian SLADE
- 12—Neil HALL
- 13—Peter HARRISON

Touch Judges: W. Campbell (Blue), D. Smith (Red)

## THIRD GRADE — 11.45 a.m.

### MACQUARIE UNITED

Coach: Shaun Sunnerton

- 1—Roger JONES
- 2—Wayne ROBINSON
- 3—Rod RENDEI
- 4—Mick SMITH
- 5—Frith CHRISTIANSEN
- 6—Shaun SUNNERTON (c)
- 7—Jason JONES
- 8—Terry SIMPSON/Brian TOBIN
- 9—Tod GRAHAM
- 10—Brett ISAACS
- 11—Steven PROBERT
- 12—Brad FOSTER
- 13—Danny BOYLE

Referee: W. Campbell

### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Ray Keighley

- 1—Shane BANKS
- 2—Mark SHERRIDAN
- 3—Mark ANDERSON
- 4—Darren STENLUND
- 5—Mark HARWOOD
- 6—Bill IZZARD
- 7—Bill LAMB
- 8—Michael PRASSER
- 9—Steven CLEAVER
- 10—Steve DEAN
- 11—Steven SAULT
- 12—Ray KEIGHLEY (c)
- 13—Chris SULLIVAN

Touch Judges: C. McCarthy (Blue), P. Parkinson (Red)

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### **First Grade**

LAKES UNITED 26 (L. Bowne 2, M. Bates 2, M. Pitman tries, D. Butler 3 goals) d SOUTH NEWCASTLE 16 (M. O'Brien, N. Sheather tries, P. Parr 4 goals).

KURRI KURRI 26 (P. Williams 2, M. Collins, S. Lee, P. Romaniuk tries, P. Williams 3 goals) d WARATAH-MAYFIELD 24 (M. Hanlon, K. Pywell, C. Hewlett, D. Priestly, S. Hoppie tries, C. Hewlett 2 goals).

CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 28 (D. McDonald, D. Newton, E. Smith, W. Schilling tries, W. Snowden 6 goals) d WESTERN SUBURBS 20 (W. Dawson, T. Morris, W. Newling, L. McDougall tries, P. Chapman 2 goals).

CESSNOCK 26 (M. Schofield 2, B. Aiken, G. Shannon tries, J. Hunter 5 goals) d MAITLAND 10 (G. Brown 2 tries, M. Winkler goal).

MACQUARIE UNITED 76 (M. Sullivan 3, P. Duncan 2, D. Hill 2, M. Stortenbeker 2, T. Stevenson 2, R. Workman, A. Williams, P. Lockwood tries, P. Duncan 10 goals) d NORTH NEWCASTLE 0.

### **Reserve Grade**

Lakes 28 d South 22, Waratah 32 d Kurri 10, Western Suburbs 26 d Central 18, Maitland 26 d Cessnock 0. **Macquarie 118 d North 0.**

### **Third Grade**

Lakes 14 d South 10, Waratah 48 d Kurri 6, Western Suburbs 10 d Central 4, Maitland 36 d Cessnock 4. **Macquarie 94 d North 0.**