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NEWS FROM CLUBS

AFTER missing a season with a knee operation, Paul Solomons has been showing great form with Macquarie. The name of Solomons has been a household word with Macquarie United Juniors for many years.

WITH today the first game of the 1973 season, Maitland Committee would like to wish its coaches and players every success for a successful season.

IT is very pleasing to see Allan Elliott in the role of team manager for the Pumpkin Pickers. Allan was a member this season of the successful Newcastle cricket team, Wallsend.

ONE transistor radio was handed to Mrs. Maloney on Saturday night, March 31, 1973 at Harker Oval. The owner can collect same by contacting Mrs. Maloney at West Leagues Club.

BEST WISHES and luck are extended to North U/19 graduates from last season. Making their appearance in first grade today are S. Doran, C. Cox and R. Potter and in reserve grade, B. Nichols, P. Bowhay and J. Nyland.

WEST Rugby League Football Club has a new assistant secretary. He is Doug Scrivwood, who has been on West committee for some 11 seasons. Doug is a very conscientious worker and he is the ideal type for the position and no doubt all at West wish him well.

ROBERT NEVE is showing great potential in the fullback position for Souths reserves. His all round ability should make him an asset for years to come.

WEST first grade captain-coach Dennis Ward, plays his first competition game today against arch rivals, Maitland. As usual it is anticipated that both teams will figure prominently in the competition and today's match should be no exception. All at West wish Dennis well and providing he can be given the support of all his players, will see West right up there when the big ones come around.

A SPECIAL welcome back to Barrie Lamberth who resumes in grade football this weekend after missing most of last season due to injury early in the season. His displays in pre-season matches this year indicate that he will soon be back to top form.

LAKES UNITED welcomes Tom Shepperd, Glen Golden, Robert Crawford, Greg Heaney and Phil McClusky into grade football this year after a fabulous career in the Juniors. Good luck boys and welcome to the big scene.

ALTHOUGH he is not in first grade yet, easily the most interesting selection at Waratah is that of English halfback Roy Eastwood. Roy, two years ago was badly injured in a car smash and his recovery is nothing short of amazing. Just give him a little time and should he recapture his earlier form, then you will see one of the best players in this town.

FOR the first time for many, many years, there will not be a Waratah player in the Newcastle rep. side. However most of the likely candidates still have many years of football left in them and players like Mark Scobie, Robbie Wise, Greg Thompson and Neville Makin must surely get a chance one day. Gus Risman captained England at 41, so there is still hope for Alwyn Walters.

"GOANNA" selectors, Neville Andrews and Lou Roach, have an unenviable job in selecting the three sides. It's a long time since so much talent has been available.

NEWCOMERS to Maitland this season are Gavan Gleeson, Mick Bickley, Robbie Hunt, John McLean, Robert Cameron, Bob Hensby, Keith Partridge, John Cooper and Ron Morley. We trust that their stay with us will be enjoyable.

WELCOME to Macquarie United new players and best wishes for a successful season with the green and golds.

WEST Rugby League fans will be anxious to see how John Cootes shapes up in the coming weeks. This great player showed that he still retains that magic in only one half last Sunday and no doubt his long runs to score tries will return once he gains the much needed match fitness and help his team take out the first grade premiership for 1973.

CESSNOCK has three great clubmen as coaches. "Sir Norman" has the firsts, "Spot" Mitchell is leading his reserves in great style, while Buck Peek is once again guiding the Thirds, who could have their best year for quite a while.

MAITLAND CLUB would like to congratulate Brian Burke on his selection in the representative side and although it is many seasons since we only had one representative, we know that Brian will be a worthy representative for the Pumpkin Pickers.

SUPPORTERS of the Pumpkin Pickers will be sorry to hear that John Wolinski is again having a spell in hospital with the broken arm injury sustained last May. We trust that it will be his last hospitalisation and wish him a speedy recovery.

WEST have five players, namely Dennis Ward, Mick Goldman, Karl Hutchinson, Peter Howlett and Peter Cootes in the Newcastle team to meet the North Coast in the Country Championships at the No. 1 Sportsground today. West officials are confident that these players will perform right up to their club slogan of "West Is Best" and help Newcastle bring back to the district the Country Championship title.

LAKES halfback, Robert Crawford, played a "blinder" in the Caltex pre-season and came off a very happy player, took a shower, stood on a piece of glass, zip . . . three stitches. Shows it's safer on the field than off!

ALL Northern Suburbs supporters are happy to see the return of Geoff Gibson to the club. Geoff returns after a successful stint with Newtown.

DURING the off-season Lakes United missed Wayne Cooper and John Fisher. Happy to say they are now both back on the ground and in for a big season.

GLEN WILKS has quickly settled in with the Red and Whites and his strong running from the rucks is sure to play a big part in South's quest for victories this season.

THERE will be many new faces in Waratah this year, among them being Phil Love, Max Love (no relation); John Bevan and many top class Waratah and Shortland juniors. Players to watch for in particular being Neville Makin, besides reserve grade props Flannery and McCarney, both big boys with a big future.

CESSNOCK welcomes its newcomers who have fitted in very well. Gary Johns and Wayne Hore from Kurri, Roger Mullard (Maitland Rugby Union), Owen Taylor (Quirindi), Graham Kelly (Moree), Bruce Bates (Singleton), Rob McKinney (Maitland Union) and Peter Clark (Dunedoo). Best wishes for a successful and happy year.

THE KURRI CLUB welcomes all the new players and our Juniors for the season, hoping you have a most successful season.

WEST exciting young second row forward, Mick Goldman, looks certain to have a bumper year, that is providing he can remain injury free. Built on the classic lines of Ron Coote, this player has pace and above all, that certain something that makes good players "class". His defence is sound and the way he positions both himself and his supports is excellent.



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No. 1 SPORTS GROUND—3 p.m.

Sunday, April 15, 1973

Northern Suburbs v. Waratah-Mayfield

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back

1—G. Jordan

Three-quarters

2—T. Price

4—M. Witcom

Halves

6—R. Andrews

Forwards

8—D. Maddison

10—P. Beetson

12—D. Cassidy

S. Doran—3

C. Cox—5

R. Davis—7

K. Sweetman—9

R. Potter—11

D. Nichols—13

WARATAH

Gold, Maroon V

Full-back

1—R. Munro

Three-quarters

2—T. Sergeant

4—M. Scobie

Halves

6—R. Wise

Forwards

8—P. Lawrence

10—D. Bond

12—A. Walters

A. McHugh—3

S. Robinson—5

G. Thompson—7

N. Makin—9

L. Hill—11

G. Murnane—13

Referee: W. Humphries

Linesmen: H. Horne (Blue), L. Maughan (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back

1—D. Boyle

Three-quarters

2—J. Smith

4—L. Plimmer

Halves

6—V. Watsford

Forwards

8—G. Gibson

10—P. Bowhay

12—J. Nyland

R. Warren—3

L. Dawson—5

N. Skelton—7

B. Bussell—9

B. Nichols—11

J. Niszczoł—13

WARATAH

Gold, Maroon V

Full-back

1—J. Lawrence

Three-quarters

2—K. Wilson

4—P. Love

Halves

6—P. Brophy

Forwards

8—D. Shields

10—M. Love

12—J. Nesbitt

J. Wilks—3

J. Alford—5

D. Shakespeare—7

J. Bevan—9

J. Flannery—11

P. McCarney—13

Referee: R. Paton

Linesmen: L. Owen (Blue), B. Godden (Red)

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THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—C. Roberts

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| 2—G. Wray | J. Bickerstaff—3 |
| 4—I. Mullard | J. Baker—5 |
| 6—J. Roberts | B. Heaton—7 |
| 8—P. Christiansen | T. Condon—9 |
| 10—P. Hunt | R. McDonald—11 |
| 12—C. Buchanan | E. Whatling—13 |

Referee: F. O'Hearn

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—G. Harvey

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|----------------|---------------|
| 2—P. Johnson | M. Docherty—3 |
| 4—G. Marshall | G. Dagg—5 |
| 6—N. Morgan | G. Noble—7 |
| 8—R. Rankin | A. Hodgson—9 |
| 10—S. Bailey | W. Conway—11 |
| 12—R. Thornton | K. Byers—13 |

Linesmen: K. Bilton (Blue), R. Milton (Red)

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—D. Andrews

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|----------------|------------------|
| 2—R. Morley | F. Kowalczyk—3 |
| 4—J. Cooper | K. Hedges—5 |
| 6—W. Medcalf | G. Rollinson—7 |
| 8—P. Williams | P. Illfield—9 |
| 10—G. Grainger | J. Meskauskas—11 |
| 12—P. Perry | K. Bolton—13 |

Referee: R. Keys

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

TEAM TO BE SELECTED FROM THE
FOLLOWING PLAYERS

- J. Beecher, Ken Smith, K. Smith, G. Allan,
M. McEntyre, P. Walls, G. White, K. Parkes,
R. Dean, G. Steel, G. Broadhead, R. Cronin,
P. Burt, M. Slater, C. John, P. Gilfeather, K.
Campbell, P. Maher, P. O'Brien, H. Kellerman,
P. Mazarto.

Linesmen: T. Austin (Blue), T. Mowbray (Red)

KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

1—D. Johns

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 2—M. Hargreaves | G. Cairns—3 |
| 4—N. Wanless | M. Hawkins—5 |
| 6—M. Beesley | R. Nugent—7 |
| 8—R. Finlay | T. Counsell—9 |
| 10—G. Willett | G. Hetherington—11 |
| 12—B. Hampton | D. McDonald—13 |

Referee: R. Brownlee

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, Black Shorts

1—A. King

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| 2—J. Howard | C. Hindle—3 |
| 4—G. Geagler | D. Pringle—5 |
| 6—T. Cheers | G. Swancott—7 |
| 8—T. Lorrimer | P. Rampkin—9 |
| 10—R. Zappara | K. Emmerton/B. Liddell—11 |
| 12—J. Daniels | B. Hourigan—13 |

Linesmen: W. Hardy (Blue), R. Gottery (Red)

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops

1—S. Jeffries

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 2—R. Bailey | J. Sansom—3 |
| 4—T. Podgorelec | J. Marshall—5 |
| 6—J. Shoebridge | G. Marshall—7 |
| 8—G. Briggs | N. Hughes—9 |
| 10—D. Murray | J. Luxford—11 |
| 12—T. Prince | G. Levick—13 |

Referee: R. Conley

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—P. Turnbull

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|------------------|---------------|
| 2—G. Durie | T. Conolly—3 |
| 4—O. Taylor | B. Jensen—5 |
| 6—G. Sampson | K. Morris—7 |
| 8—A. Parkinson | G. Reay—9 |
| 10—R. McWilliams | G. Simpson—11 |
| 12—G. Goodwin | F. Lennard—13 |

Linesmen: N. Digby (Blue), J. Leonard (Red)

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—D. Lowe

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| 2—J. Wood | M. Hesketh—3 |
| 4—D. Steele | T. Mitchell—5 |
| 6—R. Toby | K. Gilchrist—7 |
| 8—A. Lobley | R. Crooks—9 |
| 10—C. Finn | M. Richards—11 |
| 12—I. Jack | B. Williamson—13 |

Referee: W. Morgan

WARATAH

Gold, Maroon V

1—A. Robinson

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|---------------|----------------|
| 2—J. Ward | R. Green—3 |
| 4—G. Sessions | B. Hughes—5 |
| 6—G. Curry | R. Eastwood—7 |
| 8—I. Ford | N. Dawson—9 |
| 10—G. Cornish | J. Coulton—11 |
| 12—R. Bailey | F. Mullaney—13 |

Linesmen: L. Owen (Blue), B. Godden (Red)

First Grade

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN 18 (G. Walsh 2, S. Morris, B. Leary tries; K. Powell 3 goals) d CESSNOCK 6 (J. Batey, W. Hore tries).

WESTERN SUBURBS 20 (G. Norgard, P. Perkins, D. Ward, M. Trypas tries; K. Hems worth 4 goals) d MAITLAND 8 (M. Wright R. Hunt tries, K. Shine goal).

KURRI KURRI 34 (D. McNab 2, W. Scotman J. Raper, N. Boyes, K. Myers tries; P. Carr 8 goals) d LAKES UNITED 26 (J. Fisher, R. Burgess, T. Shepherd, T. Metcalf tries; R. Burgess 7 goals).

MACQUARIE UNITED 29 (B. Landi, K. Christiansen, R. Cooper, K. Wright, B. Holland tries; K. Tommerup 7 goals) d SOUTH NEWCASTLE 17 (G. Crompton 2, D. Farr tries; J. Anderson 4 goals).

WARATAH-MAYFIELD 31 (M. Scobie 2, S. Robinson 2, T. Sergeant, N. Makin, D. Bond tries; R. Munro 5 goals) d NORTHERN SUBURBS 11 (D. Nichols, P. Beetson, M. Witcom tries; S. Doran goal).

RESERVE GRADE: Cessnock 21 d Central-Charlestown 20; Western Suburbs 24 d Maitland 20; Kurri Kurri 18 d Lakes United 11; South Newcastle 19 d Macquarie United 14; Waratah-Mayfield 30 d Northern Suburbs 6.

THIRD GRADE: Central-Charlestown 21 d Cessnock 6; Western Suburbs 18 d Maitland 15; Lakes United 21 d Kurri Kurri 10; South Newcastle 22 d Macquarie United 13; Northern Suburbs 35 d Waratah-Mayfield 5.