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Semi-final Positions Wide Open

With the 1986 NBN Carlton Premiership already at the half way mark, semi-final positions are wide open and in fact only four points separate five teams who are still contenders for semi-final berths.

Results at the weekend have allowed Lakes United to tighten their grip on the Minor title and they are now three points clear of Cessnock and West who are in equal second position on 14 points. Lakes, Cessnock and West are now in strong positions to fill the important three first places.

Kurri in fifth position on 9 points will be playing their most important match to date when they meet Lakes United at Cahill Oval on Friday night and the result of this fixture could very well determine the outcome of their bid to make the semi-finals.

In the match of the series, South v Maitland at Townson Oval on Saturday the "Lions" will certainly not have it all their own way as the "Pumpkin Pickers" are fresh from a good win over Waratah last week and will be keen to continue their current form that could still see them being late contenders in the race for the semi-finals. This match is also very important to South as they need to continue their winning form to hold their position on the points table

Central Charlestown along with Kurri and South must continue winning and their game against Western Suburbs could hold the key to their future in the 1986 competition.

West has suffered losses over the last two weekends to Lakes and Cessnock and there is no doubt that they will be out to reverse these results and will certainly make it difficult for the young Central side. In the first round Central held West

with the final score being 10 nil in favour of the "Rosellas" and another close result would not surprise.

Waratah-Mayfield on Monday also face a very important game when they play Cessnock at Waratah Oval, the "Cheetahs" are on 8 points and level with Central and another loss by them will see their semi-final chances diminish. Again this fixture holds plenty of interest and an entertaining and close result could be the outcome.

In another Monday fixture, Macquarie on six points are welf in with a chance of qualifying for the semifinals when they play North Newcastle at Lyle Peacock Oval, North's performance over the last two weeks have certainly improved and Macquarie will not be able to take them lightly as a further loss by this team will see their prospects for a place in the semi-finals almost gone.

GROUP 18 REFEREES VISIT NEWCASTLE

Referees and touch judges from the Group 18 Association will be officiating at our fixtures over the weekend because of the annual exchange between the two associations. A number of Newcastle referees have travelled to Tweed Heads area this weekend to control a number of their games.

We welcome all referees and officials from Group 18 and hope you have an enjoyable weekend in our city.

Schools Carnival next week

The 4th Annual Newcastle Rugby League Schools Carnival will be staged next weekend at the Harker Oval and Waratah oval grounds.

Over 90 teams representing public and private schools will participate. This is an increase of some 20 teams over last year.

A letter to the editor published in the Newcastle Herald dated the 29th May, 1986, written by Ralph Gates criticising the promotion of Rugby League at school level by administrators of the NRL and school teachers was in poor taste and far from being factual. Rugby League is alive and well in schools within our division thanks to the hard work of our schools committee and the co-operation of many school teachers who have the interest of their pupils and Rugby League at heart.

INTERNATIONAL FIXTURE

NEWCASTLE v

NEW ZEALAND

Sunday, 13th July International Sports Centre

CARLTON UNITED BREWERY

Supports Newcastle Rugby League

Monday, June 9-2.45 p.m.

Lyle Peacock Field

Coach: Karl Hutchinson

Macquarie United

Green and gold

1-KEITH TOWNLEY

2-MICK McCLOSKEY

3-WARD SNOWDEN

4—ALAN WILLIAMS

5—RAY SMITH

6-DALE MOORE

7-WALLY CRAWFORD

8-PETER SNOWDEN

9-MARK STORTENBEKER

10-NEIL SUNERTON

11—PETER LOCKWOOD

12—PETER ALEXANDER (c)

13—DAVID LOCKLEY

Referee: T. Garrett

Coach: Olaf Prattl



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13 14 15 16 17 18

PENALTIES 1 2 3 4 5 5 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

1—DARREN MEHAN

2-DAVE ANDERSON

3-NICK O'BRIEN

4—PETER WALKER

5—TONY PICKIN

6-DAVID NEWTON

7-WAYNE WALKER

8-MARK WRIGHT (c)

9—BRETT DANN

10—SHANE GARSIDE 11—TODD ANDERSON

12-KEN LUMSDEN

13—COL GIGGINS

SCRUMS 1 2 3 4 5 6

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Late Touch Judges: R. Newstead (Blue), L. Barnes (Red)

RESERVE GRADE

MACQUARIE UNITED

Coach: Wayne Cartwright

1-Darren NICHOLS

2—Tony RENDAL 4—Robbie CURRAN 6—David CURRAN

8—Terry STEVENSON 10-T. GRAHAM/W. SMITH

12—Jason LYNCH

Michael SMITH—3 Geoff CURTIS—5 Peter LYNCH (c)—7 Terry SIMPSON—9 Don TOWNLEY—11 Tony WEBB—13

2—Dave FLETCHER 4—Ron PAYNE

6—David MAHER 8—Carl BUCK 10—Phil HARRISON 12—Col PAXTON

1.10 p.m.

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Mick Ryan

1-Darren MAXWELL

Ian MILLINGTON-3

Rick COLEMAN-5

Ken FAIRHALL (c)-7

Peter TAYLOR—9 Mick RYAN (c)—11 Tom PARKS—13

Referee: M. Walsh

THIRD GRADE

MACQUARIE UNITED

Coach: Don Jardine

1—Garry MORROW

2—Bruce STEVENSON

4—Stephen BRUCE 6—John ROSS

8—Tiger CHRISTENSEN (c) 10—Bill WARNER

12-T. SAGER/P. EDWARDS

Mark DIFFORD—3 Phil DENNIS-5 Warren WARNER-7 Mick COADY—9 John CLARK—11 Jeff WILSON—13

11.45 a.m.

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Terry Dent

-- Tony DODDS

2-Gary EVANS

4—John BLENKIRON

6—Peter PRESTON

8—Paul McKEOWN

10—Don HARDY 12—Ray KATLEY

Dale WALTON—3
Tony MANTON—5 Paul CLARK-7 Pat MULLEN-9 Wayne HYDE-11

Ken ARMSTRONG-13

Early Touch Judges: A. Leonard (Blue), N. Digby (Red)

Referee: B. Farrell

MAITLAND Leagues Club

Snack Bar open daily noon to 2.00 p.m., 5.00 to 6.00 p.m.

Darcy Restaurant open Wed. to Fri. for Lunch; Wed. to Sun. for Dinner.

Bistro Bargains: \$3.00 All Meals Best catering value in Hunter Valley!

ATTENTION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Tuesday: Free Housie, 11 a.m., Main Auditorium. Wednesday: Free Housie, 7.30 p.m., Main Auditorium.

Thursday: Snooker Competition, 8 p.m.

Friday: Free Housie, 2.30 p.m., Main Auditorium. Non-Profit Raffle, drawn 6 p.m.

Sunday: Spectacular Non-Profit Raffle. Tickets on sale from 4 p.m. Drawn 6.30 p.m. Top prizes including electrical goods, travel goods, manchester, etc.

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NBN 3-CARLTON PREMIERSHIP

First Grade

75 CESSNOCK 38 (R. Whitaker 2, C. Smith 72, M. Schofield, B. Starkey, P. Walker WARTAIL-EMAYFIELD 22 (E. McGrady 2, S. Robinson, T. Crow tries, T. Vaughan 3 goals).

MACQUARIE UNITED 22 (M. McCloskey, P. Snowden, N. Sunerton, G. Curtis tries, W. Snowden, 3. goals) d. NORTH NEWCASTLE 18 (D. Newton 2, W. Walker tries, P. Walker 2 goals, T. Pickin goal),

WESTERN SUBURBS 22 (J. Farrar, J. Hulbert, G. Murray tries, J. Hulbert 4, G. Eagar goals) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 18 (C. Croese, C. Hammond, D. McDonnell tries, G. Price 3 goals).

SOUTH NEWASTLE 33 (J. Tongue 2. G. Brown 2. M. Harp, R. Jones tries, S. Robinson 4 goals, drop goal) d MAIT-LAND 0.

LAKES UNITED 42 (R. Taylor 2, P. Parsons, S. Drinkwater, D. Grant, T. Tuckwell, M. Bates tries, P. Walsh 7 goals) d KURRI KURRI 8 (K. Huxley try, P. Williams 2 goals).

Reserve Grade

Waratah 14 d Cessnock 8, Macquarie 54 d North 16, West 28 d Central 10, Maitland 27 d South 18, Lakes 38 d Kurri 0.

Third Grade

Waratah 38 d Cessnock 6, North 26 d Macouarie 18, South 28 d Maitland 12, Lakes 8 d Kurri 4, West 20 d Central 16