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MARLBORO COUNTRY



NEWS FROM CLUBS

KURRI Rugby League Injured Player Fund Lucky No. 5885 was won by John Cook of Weston.

WE all at Maitland congratulate Terry and Brian on their selection in the team to tour Queensland. Brian's selection completes a great week as his wife presented him with a baby boy on Friday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Macquarie half back Berni Landi who is one of the three equal leaders for the Sun-Klosters Escort car competition.

CLIFF Ireland's untiring defence and all round constructive play in the two rounds played have been quickly recognised by the South selectors and Cliff has been chosen in Souths first grade for today's match against West.

SOUTH followers will be pleased to hear that Neil Noble is home for good after many months in hospital.

WEST first grade fullback Geoff "Tag" Spruce is once again showing the form that many followers of the game claim should entitle him to representative honours. His play is quite uncanny and he seems to be able to join the backline in the twinkling of an eye and his once suspect defence has simply vanished from his game. In short he is simply the best fullback in the district.

RON Bell, Lakes United third grade lock is an example of the fine young types coming up through the juniors. Ron, a tireless worker on the field is coming along well.

CESSNOCK Club is very proud of its Under 18 sides which have won the last 2 Maitland Premierships and are undefeated this year. Five players this year represented Newcastle Under 19 side. They are David White, "Sparrow" Clifton, Rod Sneezey, Robert Gray and Richard Austin.

DENNIS O'Neill makes his first appearance in first grade with Macquarie against Waratah. A young player he no doubt will make the best of his opportunity.

DARRELL LEE, Captain Coach of Central reserves turned on a terrific game in the defeat of Lakes United. Seven goals from as many attempts, plus a real "Benny Wearing" try at least 70 yards, brought the house down. Congratulations Darrell.

THE transformation of the Waratah forwards this year, has been the English style instructed by Frank Adams and carried out by his English counterparts Alwyn Walters and Tony Finch. Both these players, besides being firm friends, have football brains, plus Walters is a fine leader, and such a good captain he insists on buying beers for Tony each week.

I RECKON Ron Munro is like Don Bradman in many ways. He knocks on a couple of balls, so he fails. Bradman would make 60 runs and according to critics he failed too. But "Munsa" showed them on Monday he is still the best fullback around this town and among the top in the State.

REG Vitnell, North's third grade half showed plenty of class in his initial game with the "Blues" last week. Reg hasn't played since High School where he captained Tech. High—with a couple more games under his belt he will be pushing for higher grade honours.

KELVIN Sweetman, North's robust centre only knows one way to go at that is straight and Kelvin was rewarded for this against Kurri last week when he scored the try that put North on the road to victory.

THE Kurri Club has very great pleasure of congratulating Alan Rossiter on this, his 100th first grade game.

MAITLAND halfback Biddy Williams today reaches a record with the Club, by playing 102 consecutive games, thus equalling the record set by Jack "Bulla" Deegan back in the 1930's. Congratulations Biddy, a very fine clubman.

ANOTHER good match from Gary Heaton in Macquarie reserve grade will be making the top grade forwards hard pressed to keep their positions.

VINCE Cronin made the most of his opportunities when brought into Souths side last week when Peter Miller had to withdraw due to injury. His three tries played a big part in the win over Macquarie.

WEST front row forward in first grade, Keith Partridge, is playing possibly the best he has since joining the club. His willingness to get in and have a go and his great defence makes him an ideal man to have in a tight situation and on present form looks a moral to hold his position in first grade. One admirer of his was heard to remark "Keith is like old wine, he keeps getting better with age".

LAKES United halfback Neil (Sammy) Hincks turned in a blinder last week. His quick service to his backs is shown by the number of tries scored in the game.

CONGRATULATIONS to Cessnock player, Keith Barry, who was married last weekend. This will probably help to improve his football, was the comment made by his "mates".

BOB Burgess, Waratah front rower is the player to keep your eye on this year. In two games up to date he has shown form enough to suggest he would probably be one of the first forwards picked in a rep side if one were to be selected.

LAKES United congratulate Des Kimmorley and Trevor Andrews for their selection in the Country Rugby League team touring Queensland. Both are great club men and deserve their places.

DURING the absence of Panno with the Country team, the coaching of the team will be in the capable hands of Peter Edmonds, a player who has given great service to the Maitland Club. Best of luck Pete.

LIFE Membership badges were presented to Cessnock stalwarts Buck Peek and Colin Garety in recognition of their achievement of 200 club games. They are now members of the elite Cessnock 200 Club, consisting of Lester Batey, Don Schofield, Ray Muir, "Dingle" Anderson and Barry Levido.

TREV. McGregor, young Central 3 turned in another good game despite his teams easy defeat by Lakes—a good future in the game is assured for Trev.

NORTH always have had good juniors and this year is no exception with the likes of Mark Witcom, Glen Crompton, Brian "Gopher" Russell. North can look forward to another good season.

LAKES United reserve grade centre Harry Small is causing much havoc in opposing ranks with his punishing defence. Harry is a Lakes junior who missed last season through injury and shows he has not forgotten how to tackle. All other players could take a look at his work and gain know-how from doing so.

THE name of "Dagwell" will probably cause the local radio and T.V. commentators a lot of concern when describing the West First Grade games, as their are three of them. Allan and Gary, brothers, and Larry their cousin. All three are endowed with that certain magic that makes footballers and one thing is certain they make their father and uncle Noel a proud man when he is seen every match "watching" them.

WEST reserve grade fullback Ian Bell had a blinder last week in third grade and almost certainly won the game for that team with his outstanding defence. Today he returns to reserves and if he plays as he did last week it will be difficult to replace him. Many followers of the club claim that this player is perhaps the best passer of the ball in the club.

MAITLAND third grade today sees the third of three Clark brothers in action for the Club, all three being usually half backs, but Brian has now switched to lock to make way for younger brother Gerard to play in that position.





CALTEX ASTRON

The MONEY SAVER

WICKHAM OVAL—3 p.m.

Sunday, May 2, 1971

Northern Suburbs v. Cent.-Charlestown

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Blue with White N

Full-back:

1—P. Watsford

Three-quarters:

2—R. Cooper K. Sweetman—3

4—A. Newson G. Crompton—5

Halves: 6—M. Witcom R. Andrews—7

Forwards:

8—D. Davey D. Maddison—9

10—R. Peterson K. Hutchinson—11

12—A. Jones D. Nichols—13

Referee: C. Sheather

Linesmen: J. Hancock (Blue Flag), W. Milton (Red Flag)

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

White, Blue V, Blue Shorts

Full-back:

1—A. Hudson

Three-quarters:

2—D. Gillogly T. McGregor—3

4—K. Sazdanoff J. Halloran—5

Halves: 6—M. Lockart L. Gailey—7

Forwards:

8—J. McMurtrie G. Briggs—9

10—G. Dunn W. Conway—11

12—G. Hilleary W. Conway—13

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Blue with White N

Full-back:

1—G. Elliot

Three-quarters:

2—B. Russell D. Steele—3

4—A. Wasley L. Dawson—5

Halves: 6—P. Sullivan N. Skelton—7

Forwards:

8—S. Farquar D. Greaves—9

10—B. Russell K. Byers—11

12—E. Russell G. Alchin—13

Referee: K. Marker

Linesmen: W. Hardy (Blue Flag), J. Thornton (Red Flag)

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

White, Blue V, Blue Shorts

Full-back:

1—D. Lee

Three-quarters:

2—G. Paget W. Hodge—3

4—C. Keed G. Harrison—5

Halves: 6—P. Mundy W. Hancock—7

Forwards:

8—N. Wilkinson T. Kelly—9

10—N. Hughes D. Gall—11

12—G. Owens J. Lnxford—13

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THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—K. Consins

| | |
|---------------|------------------|
| 2—S. Ongley | H. Geissler—3 |
| 4—G. Dagg | R. Harkness—5 |
| 6—R. McKinnon | G. Clarke—7 |
| 8—B. Clark | R. Wawzskowicz—9 |
| 10—L. Vile | G. Marquet—11 |
| 12—P. Perry | G. Oldfield—13 |

KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

1—I. Wallace

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2—D. Swan | K. Callen—3 |
| 4—G. Hall | D. Beveridge—5 |
| 6—L. Polglase | T. Sellars—7 |
| 8—B. Hampton | G. Hetherington—9 |
| 10—G. Robertson | I. Ellis—11 |
| 12—F. Nicholson | A. Chenery—13 |

Referee: B. Schofield

Linesmen: R. Keating (Blue Flag), J. Longbottom (Red Flag)

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—W. Weston

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 2—P. McKerras | D. Higgins—3 |
| 4—P. O'Neil | N. Fletcher—5 |
| 6—Wallis/Anderson | K. Galvin—7 |
| 8—B. Dunnstan | A. Drury—9 |
| 10—G. Gralton | N. Beri—11 |
| 12—A. Buman | W. Mutn—13 |

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—A. Murrell

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 2—P. Johnson | J. Johnson—3 |
| 4—G. Nicol | J. Gardiner—5 |
| 6—B. Walton | R. Griffiths—7 |
| 8—G. Stephenson | G. Allen—9 |
| 10—M. Davis | G. Graham—11 |
| 12—D. Evans | D. Morgan—13 |

Referee: D. Thornton

Linesmen: J. Walker (Blue Flag), R. Jones (Red Flag)

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—B. Lulham

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| 2—K. Vardy | D. Sharp—3 |
| 4—A. Benson | G. McCormack—5 |
| 6—P. McNamee | A. Asquith—7 |
| 8—B. Robinson | C. Gavenlock—9 |
| 10—K. Mavin | P. Neylan—11 |
| 12—P. Shields | D. Tims—13 |

WARATAH-MAYFIELD

Maroon, Gold V

1—D. Powell

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 2—D. Bailey | S. Martin—3 |
| 4—D. Brophy | K. Fishlock—5 |
| 6—R. Eastwood | T. Warner—7 |
| 8—S. Campbell | K. Skelley—9 |
| 10—R. Bailey | L. Booth—11 |
| 12—W. Melville | D. O'Connell—13 |

Referee: T. Austin

Linesmen: K. Wallace (Blue Flag), J. Maddison (Red Flag)

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Blue with White N

1—G. Jordan

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| 2—L. Plimmer | R. Owen—3 |
| 4—M. Heskeith | T. Mitchell—5 |
| 6—V. Watsford | R. Vitnell—7 |
| 8—P. Cox | R. Benson—9 |
| 10—G. Walker | N. Peterson—11 |
| 12—D. Cassidy | B. Gilbert—13 |

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

White, Blue V, Blue Shorts

1—D. Murray

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| 2—L. Thomson | B. Paget—3 |
| 4—M. Butt | P. Tolar—5 |
| 6—D. Pearce | R. Stamp—7 |
| 8—G. Toms | P. Power—9 |
| 10—R. Bailey | R. Simmington—11 |
| 12—J. Marshall | B. Jackson—13 |

Referee: D. Critch

Linesmen: W. Hardy (Blue Flag), J. Thornton (Red Flag)

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, White Shorts

1—R. Smith

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 2—L. Thompson | R. Baxter—3 |
| 4—R. Hall | C. Gaudion—5 |
| 6—W. Cartwright | G. Swancott—7 |
| 8—R. Bell | D. Whipper—9 |
| 10—B. Wade | P. Ramplin—11 |
| 12—O. Renfrew | F. Mullaney—13 |

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—G. Durie

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 2—B. Connolly | D. Moore—3 |
| 4—B. Lidbury | W. Davey—5 |
| 6—R. Johnson | T. Connolly—7 |
| 8—D. Parkinson | G. Simpson—9 |
| 10—W. Jobson | D. Crnmp—11 |
| 12—A. Thomas | B. Peek—13 |

Referee: R. Brownlee

Linesmen: R. Milton (Blue Flag), N. Digby (Red Flag)