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MARLBORO COUNTRY



NEWS FROM CLUBS

WINNER of competition conducted by Macquarie last Sunday was won by ticket 10770. Lucky holder was George Gould.

ERIC RUSSELL, North's reserve grade hooker gave his team a good share of the ball last week which enabled them to record their first win for the season. Eric capped off a fine all-round display by scoring a grand try.

RECEIVING congratulations is popular Maitland Committeeman Denis Price and wife Judy on the safe arrival of a new addition to the family—a girl.

NORTH'S third grade lock Peter Cox, showed against Central last week that he is fast approaching the form that made him one of the form players in North last year. With a few more displays like that he must press for higher grade honours.

IT is very pleasing indeed to see Maitland player John Wolinski rapidly approaching the form he displayed prior to breaking his leg, keep up the good games John and before long you may regain your former first grade position.

AN interesting player in today's West third grade team is Mick Davies. This player, till he injured a knee which required a cartilage operation last season was acclaimed as the most exciting threequarter in the club. No doubt all his followers wish him well in his bid for higher honours, no doubt his immediate ambition.

IT'S hard to get one good trainer these days, so when you get two good muscle men the club is indeed fortunate. Waratah is very lucky to have Reg Pratt and Ian Betts. Reg has been with the club for many years and is one of the best in the business, whilst Ian, is just more than a rubber, he is a good muscle man too. Both are so keen, they have given a trophy to the player who has the most rubs in a season. Alwyn Walters is long odds on to win the prize.

WEST Lucky No. Pink 1383, won by Mr. Marshall, Smith Road, South Wallsend.

WEST lock forward Peter Howlett keeps playing soundly in every game, his attack and defence is faultless and he should be a certainty for the Newcastle and Country representative sides next season. His team and personal tutor John Raper is adamant that this player is Australian material.

ALAN WEST, the Maitland five-eighth continues to play great football for the black and whites and must have been very unlucky indeed not to have represented Newcastle, but perhaps next year may be his.

"THE Big Goose", Warren Gardiner, is going great guns in the Waratah front row this year. Having only his second season in first grade, big Warren is going so well it's going to take a good player to shift him from his spot in the side.

LAKES UNITED hooker Tony Shiels, is giving his team a good share of the ball in games to date. One of the fastest strikers in the game Tony is holding off strong challenges for his position in the first grade.

THE Nocks are most fortunate to have team managers of the calibre of Gary Jack, John Russell and Warren Beckett to look after the various teams. These lads do a great job.

WEST big New Zealand front row forward Alby Wiggs had a great game against South Newcastle last Saturday. His powerful runs up the middle send would be tacklers like scattered nine pins. No doubt all West followers are hoping for a repeat performance in today's clash with Macquarie.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kurri front rower Errol Parrey on his 200 grade games. Hope you have many more.

THERE has to be a player in every club who goes out week after week and gives 80 minutes of top solid football yet never seems to win any award. Such is Waratah's Joe Dryzga. But you can bet your life Joe will come up with a beauty week after week. A good coach would say "Give me 13 Joe Dryzga's and I'll win a competition".

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.



NEWCASTLE LEAGUES CLUB

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Saturday 8th: CABARET commencing at 8 p.m. with "The John Chidgey Quartette". Guest artists, The Allison's (novelty act).

Sunday 9th: 10.30 a.m. K.O. SNOOKER Tournament (good prizes). 8 p.m. FILM in the auditorium, Civil War drama.

Thursday 13th: MIXED BOWLS competition, draw for partner, 7.45 p.m.

CESSNOCK OVAL—3 p.m.

Saturday, May 8, 1971

Cessnock v. Northern Suburbs

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

Full-back:

1—G. Boyd

Three-quarters:

2—J. Phillips

D. McNab—3

4—J. Dever

D. Williams—5

Halves:

6—G. Bradley

L. Hannah—7

Forwards:

8—J. Scott

J. Murray—9

10—L. Clifton

R. Thompson—11

12—N. Smith

A. Chalker—13

Referee: L. Rodway

Linesmen: K. Bilton (Blue Flag), J. Hancock (Red Flag)

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—P. Sullivan

R. Andrews—7

Forwards:

8—D. Davey

D. Maddison—9

10—R. Petersen

K. Hutchinson—11

12—A. Jones

D. Nichols—13

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

Full-back:

1—P. Turnbull

Three-quarters:

2—B. Jensen

M. Goldman—3

4—C. Bradley

R. Cameron—5

Halves:

6—R. Fowler

K. Morris—7

Forwards:

8—D. Parkinson

G. Reay—9

10—F. Lennard

I. Ingle—11

12—J. Henderson

P. Apthorpe—13

Referee: B. Schofield

Linesmen: G. Benson (Blue Flag), R. Keating (Red Flag)

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Blue with White N

Full-back:

1—G. Elliott

Three-quarters:

2—D. Steele

M. Hesketh—3

4—A. Wasley

L. Dawson—5

Halves:

6—V. Watsford

N. Skelton—7

Forwards:

8—S. Farquhar

D. Greaves—9

10—B. Russell

G. Alchin—11

12—E. Russell

K. Byers—13

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THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—G. Durie

2—R. Smith	W. Davey—3
4—B. Liddbury	B. Connolly—5
6—R. Johnson	T. Connolly—7
8—R. Thomas	G. Simpson—9
10—W. Jobson	D. Crump—11
12—L. Williams	B. Peek—13

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Blue with White N

1—G. Jordan

2—T. Mitchell	I. Gardner—3
4—R. Owens	L. Plimmer—5
6—R. Vitnell	B. Taylor—7
8—P. Cox	P. Gray—9
10—N. Petersen	J. Flaherty—11
12—D. Cassidy	T. Malone—13

Referee: D. Thornton

Linesmen: G. Benson (Blue Flag), R. Keating (Red Flag)

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

White, Blue V, Blue Shorts

1—M. Butt

2—J. Condon	B. Paget—3
4—A. Jones	B. Nash—5
6—G. Harrison	R. Stamp—7
8—D. Pears	P. Power—9
10—D. Murray	W. Operick—11
12—G. Owens	R. Simmington—13

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—K. Cousins

2—S. Ongley	H. Geissler—3
4—G. Dagg	R. Harkness—5
6—R. McKinnon	G. Clark—7
8—B. Clark	J. Saxby—9
10—L. Vile	G. Marquet—11
12—P. Perry	K. Farley—13

Referee: J. Geddes

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

WARATAH-MAYFIELD

Maroon, Gold V

1—T. Anthony

2—D. Bailey	S. Martin—3
4—B. Naylor	J. Kinsella—5
6—D. Brophy	T. Warner—7
8—P. Osborne	K. Skelly—9
10—P. Muddle	K. Fishlock—11
12—G. Melville	D. O'Connell—13

KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

1—T. Wallace

2—P. Rouse	J. Hall—3
4—D. Swan	D. Beveridge—5
6—L. Polglase	T. Sellars—7
8—G. Hetherington	G. Robertson—9
10—A. Bailey	M. Bower—11
12—Nicholson/Hampton	W. Smith—13

Referee: K. Barwick

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

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—K. Galvin

2—R. Davey	M. Davies—3
4—G. Turner	N. Fletcher—5
6—P. Anderson	K. Javanovic—7
8—L. Scott	T. Prince—9
10—N. Gibson	N. Beri—11
12—A. Buman	G. Craltton—13

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—B. Lulham

2—K. Vardy	T. Maule—3
4—B. Robinson	G. McCormack—5
6—P. McNamee	A. Asquith—7
8—K. Mavin	C. Gavenlock—9
10—P. Redman	P. Neylan—11
12—P. Shields	D. Timms—13

Referee: R. Brownlee

Linesmen: R. Jones (Blue Flag), R. Milton (Red Flag)

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, White Shorts

1—A. Small

2—R. Baxter	H. Small—3
4—G. Gaegler	N. Gouge—5
6—W. Cartwright	G. Swancott—7
8—R. Bell	R. Grice—9
10—P. Ramplin	L. Thompson—11
12—S. Sukier	H. Jonczyk—13

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—A. Murrell

2—S. Hassett	J. Johnson—13
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. Crich

Linesmen: N. Digby (Blue Flag), H. Horne (Red Flag)