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South tighten grip on Semi-final spot

South Newcastle consolidated their fourth position on the competition ladder with their convincing 33 points to nil over Maitland. Other results of series 14 have left South three points clear of Kurri Kurri who hold fifth position on nine points.

The strength of the South forwards last weekend against Maitland gave indications that the "Lions" are starting to put their game together and will pose a serious threat to the top three teams as the semi-finals draw closer.

South play Waratah on Sunday at Townson in what is a most important game for the "Cheetahs" as they are locked on eight points with Central and Macquarie and the team must keep winning to stay in contention for a semi-final position.

Like Waratah, Macquarie United face their moment of truth when they play third placed Western Suburbs in the match of the series at Lyle Peacock Field on Saturday. Both West and Macquarie struggled last weekend to win their games. North Newcastle held Macquarie to four points while the same margin resulted when West defeated Central Charlestown. The "Scorpions" are enjoying one of their best seasons for some time and a win against the "Rosellas" will certainly do a lot for their confidence in their bid for a semi-final berth. In their first round clash West ran out winners twelve points to two and it would not surprise if another close result is the outcome of this game.

Central Charlestown are at home against Cessnock on Sunday and the recent form displayed by the "Butcher Boys" should ensure that Cessnock will not have it all their own way as they did when the two teams met in the first round. Central, coached by John "Choc" Anderson lost no

supporters when they played so well last weekend against West with the result of the game in the balance right to the end.

The first grade premiership is still full of interest and the result of every game this weekend could have a bearing on semi-final positions. On the form displayed by North Newcastle against Macquarie last week Kurri Kurri will not be able to take them lightly at Kurri Sports Ground on Sunday. Every point is vital to the "Bulldogs" with so many teams just behind them on the points table and a win over the "Bluebags" is most important to them.

Competition leaders Lakes United play Maitland at Cahill Oval on Sunday. The form displayed by Lakes when they accounted for Kurri Kurri in their last game will make it difficult for Maitland to take the two points from this match.

Schofield first to 100

Cessnock lock forward Michael Schofield notched up his 100 points last week when he scored a try and landed five goals in his teams win over Waratah-Mayfield.

South Newcastle Les Rotumah is only three points away from his 100 points having scored six tries, 36 goals and a field goal while Ward Snowden of Macquarie United is also close to his century being on 90 points scoring two tries and landing 42 goals.

Lakes join South at top in Reserves

South Newcastle 27-18 loss to Maitland in reserve grade last weekend has allowed Lakes United to join them at the top of the points table.

Waratah are in third position on 16 points and are three points clear of West who have won six and lost three and drawn one to be on 13 points.

Maitland's win over South Newcastle last weekend has put them four points clear of their closest challenger and these five teams look set to fight out the semi-finals and finals.

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NBN 3 — CARLTON PREMIERSHIP

Sunday, June 15—2.45 p.m.

Kurri Sports Ground

Kurri Kurri

Red, white and blue

Coach: Peter Brady

- 1—JOHN GORDON
- 2—GREG TURNER
- 3—WAYNE HOLZ
- 4—PETER WATSON
- 5—KIERA HUXLEY
- 6—TERRY RICHARDSON
- 7—MARK McLOUGHLIN
- 8—CRAIG WYBORN
- 9—PETER BRADY (c)
- 10—PHILLIP KING
- 11—TERRY BENDER
- 12—PHILLIP WILLIAMS
- 13—MICHAEL MATE



SCRUMS

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18

PENALTIES

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18

Referee: C. Russell

North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

Coach: Karl Hutchinson

- 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



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Late Touch Judges: M. Pinfold (Blue). D. Smith (Red)

RESERVE GRADE

1.10 p.m.

KURRI KURRI

Coach: Jeff Roach

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| 1—Brad HOPES | Paul DUNCAN—3 |
| 2—Scott MOY | Bruce PEEL—5 |
| 4—Peter HAFEY | Gerard O'CONNOR—7 |
| 6—Mark ROBERTS | Peter SUMNER—9 |
| 8—Mick THOMAS (c) | Greg WEBSTER—11 |
| 10—Stephen PARREY | Mark BLAYDEN—13 |
| 12—Barry CRAWLEY | |

Referee: K. Marker

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Mick Ryan

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| 1—Darren MAXWELL | Ian MILLINGTON—3 |
| 2—Dave FLETCHER | Rick COLEMAN—5 |
| 4—Ron PAYNE | Ken FAIRHALL (c)—7 |
| 6—David MAHER | Peter TAYLOR—9 |
| 8—Carl BUCK | Mick RYAN (c)—11 |
| 10—Phil HARRISON | Tom PARKS—13 |
| 12—Col PAXTON | |

THIRD GRADE

11.45 a.m.

KURRI KURRI

Coach: Paul Gillon

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| 1—Paul EARL | Greg CHAPPLE (c)—3 |
| 2—Glen McINTOSH | Rod LEGGETT—5 |
| 4—David LATTER | Rob DOVING—7 |
| 6—Craig DEAMER | Craig HUGHES—9 |
| 8—Shane ORROCK | Noel SWEENEY—11 |
| 10—Paul ROMANIUK | Bill EASTLEY—13 |
| 12—John MOYLE | |

Referee: T. Hardy

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Terry Dent

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| 1—Tony DODDS | Dale WALTON—3 |
| 2—Gary EVANS | Tony MANTON—5 |
| 4—John BLENKIRON | Paul CLARK—7 |
| 6—Peter PRESTON | Pat MULLEN—9 |
| 8—Paul McKEOWN | Wayne HYDE—11 |
| 10—Don HARDY | Ken ARMSTRONG—13 |
| 12—Ray KATLEY | |

Early Touch Judges: I. Delforce (Blue). E. McMinn (Red)

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First Grade

3 SOUTH NEWCASTLE 34 (P. Waite 2, N. Sheather, P. Cole, G. Brown tries; P. Waite 7 goals) d WARATAH-MAYFIELD 8 (S. Robinson, L. Phillips tries).

CESSNOCK 12 (R. Whitaker, J. Barr tries, B. Davies 2 goals) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 2 (G. Price goal).

LAKE UNITED 44 (P. Parsons 2, S. Drinkwater 2, M. Bates, P. Walsh, S. Walters, R. Taylor, B. Burgess tries, P. Walsh 4 goals) d MAITLAND 2 (M. Threlfo goal).

KURRI KURRI 14 (P. Williams, P. Brady tries; — P. — Williams — 3 — goals) — drew — with NORTH NEWCASTLE 14 (P. Walker, S. Garside, T. Parks tries, T. Pickin goal).

WESTERN SUBURBS 20 (C. Higgins 2, T. Butler, T. Quinn tries, J. Hulbert goal, M. Knight goal) d MACQUARIE UNITED 8 (T. Stevenson try, W. Snowden 2 goals).

Reserve Grade

Waratah-Mayfield 8 d South Newcastle 2, Central 14 d Cessnock 10, Lakes 34 d Maitland 4, Kurri 26 d North 0, West 28 d Macquarie 14.

Third Grade

Waratah 18 d South 6, Cessnock 12 d Central 2, Lakes 16 d Maitland 12, Kurri 46 d North 10, West 34 d Macquarie 6.