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NEWS FROM CLUBS

KURRI'S Injured Players' Fund Lucky No. 15544, was won by our reserve grade coach, Terry Latter.

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KARL HUTCHINSON, West first grade front row forward is currently playing the brand of Rugby League that won him a place in the Newcastle representative team. This intelligent forward seldom goes to ground with the ball and his supporting players often get a dream run through the opposition ranks and no doubt his clash with his ex team mates will provide the highlight of the match.

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DAVID STEELE makes a welcome re-appearance in third grade this week. All North supporters and players wish him well and hope that he quickly returns to the form that we know he is capable of.

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GOOD to see lion hearted Cessnock winger Doug Williams notch two tries against South reserves last week. Doug is a great trier and it won't be long before the demon tackler is in the top grade.

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IT is pleasing to see Kurri win all three grades in one day against North, this has been too few over the past few years—make them more frequent boys.

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LAKES UNITED hand out congratulations to Steven Gallagher, Steven Jefferson, John Finley, Selwyn Bennett, Noel Peazley and Bill Perring. These lads had this first game for the season against a star studded opposition last week and although Lakes were defeated the score was, to many, as good as a win.

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ALAN DREW had a big game for Macquarie against Waratah last week. Big things are expected from Alan now he is settling into the Newcastle style of play.

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CENTRAL reserve grade coach and skipper "Dyke" Dunn is doing an excellent job with his team—two wins and two narrow defeats.

TWO Macquarie under 19 players of last season, Phil Callen and Chris Roberts showed out in third grade for Macquarie last week.

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NORTHERN SUBURBS are indeed fortunate to have trainers that are as keen as Alf Maddison and Jim Price. They are almost always the first two men at training and at the games. It is due to their fine efforts that North are able to field fit teams each weekend.

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LAKES UNITED trainer Gus Sheppard and his assistant Joe Marshall have been as busy as beavers for the past couple of months trying to stem the flow of injuries in the camp. Even their great efforts could not keep the tally under 20 for last weekend. Yes, no less than 20 injured players watched Lakes from the sideline.

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RESERVE GRADE captain-coach, Ollie Renfrew is proving an obstacle to many aspiring hookers in opposing teams. Ollie is not short of ability and experience when it comes to playing the game. It was this that enabled his giant sized heart to carry him through the first grade after a very hard game in reserves last week.

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RICHARD "Dickie" CRONIN, West centre in reserves, burst back onto the Rugby League scene last Sunday at Belmont in third grade, when he scored three tries. Dickie has always been a player that gives his followers a feast of enterprising play and if he remains injury free his ability knows no bounds.

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IT is with pleasure the Kurri League and supporters see our players doing so well in all the awards, keep it up and let them come to the Kurri Bulldogs.

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KEITH PARTRIDGE, front row forward in reserves who is often referred to as "Mr. Consistency" again is playing that brand of Rugby League that has become his own individual type of game over the years. Never far from the ball, a deadly tackler and always ready to take his turn in the tight.

IT was a big effort by Waratah scrum half, Dennis Shakespeare last week. After a tough game in reserve grade, Dennis was back on the field again within ten minutes. Yet at the finish, he was still going as strong as ever. This lad is top class material, and it is going to take a real class player to oust him from a first grade spot.

CONGRATULATIONS to Barry Peek and his Cessnock third graders on their unexpected but meritorious win over South. "Buck" deserves his success as you couldn't find a keener coach anywhere.

NORTH'S third grade lock forward Richard Crooks, played another big game last week. His tackling was a pleasure to watch and when in possession he tried everything he knew to pull the game out. "Keep up the good work Richard".

ALTHOUGH announced last week we confirm today that Terry Pannowitz today plays his 200th game for the Maitland Club.

TOP marks go to Waratah's reserve grade side who came up with their third win in a row last week. Coach John Swinghammer, has done a great job with this side and they are going to take a ton of tossing from now on. There are a team of youngsters who have made their way up from juniors last year. The code will be hearing a lot about players such as Mark Scobie, John Wilks, Mark Tonks, Phil Gibson and Peter Gaudry.

MAITLAND'S Ray Wawzkowicz continues to improve with every game and with one full season in grade should next year be well in the running for representative honours.

THE Sazdanoff brothers, Kris and younger brother "Whiskas Blake", together with the "Baron" did a grand job against Maitland—keep it up lads.

LAKES UNITED second rower Jeff McCloy is fast approaching top form after a late start. Jeff has had two years with another code since playing first grade with Lakes.

MAITLAND Committee wish to thank the many players from Junior Clubs who last week played grade. These players after playing grade then returned and played for their junior clubs. Many thanks boys.

BACK on the air is Central, after their well deserved victory over the highly rated Maitland. Two good tries by Central flankman Terry Shepperton, together with a non-stop display by the forwards sealed the fate of the "Pumpkin Pickers".

A BIG welcome from all Central to country lads Terry Shepperton, Phil Eulo, Steve Cotton and Tony Bull. These players are members of the first grade side, and are fitting in very well.

EASILY the most improved forward in Waratah this year is reserve grade second rower, Ray Bailey. Ray, who has built up to a massive eleven stone this year, has been going great guns over the past few matches. A lot more is going to be heard of this player from now on.

A TRIBUTE

It is now history how Northern Division defeated Newcastle in the semi-final of the Country Divisional Championship, but a tribute has been paid to the Newcastle players from the licensee of the Tudor Hotel at Tamworth.

He stated it would be unfair if he did not enlighten the League on the outstanding behaviour of the players and also that he had not been host to a better behaved team.

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HARKER OVAL—3 p.m.

Sunday, May 14, 1972

Western Suburbs v. Northern Suburbs

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

Full-back
1—G. Spruce
Three-quarters
2—P. Cootes D. Kimmorley—3
4—G. Banks R. Davie—5
Halves
6—K. Hardy B. Adamson—7
Forwards
8—P. Howlett J. Raper—9
10—F. Fish K. Hutchinson—11
12—A. Dagwell W. Loades—13

Referee: L. Rodway

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back
1—W. Scotman
Three-quarters
2—G. Curtis K. Sweetman—3
4—M. Witcom G. Crompton—5
Halves
6—S. Farquhar R. Andrews—7
Forwards
8—P. Cox P. Beetson—9
10—D. Maddison B. Russell—11
12—A. Jones D. Nichols—13

Linesmen: H. Horne (Blue), C. Thomson (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

Full-back
1—P. Gilfeather
Three-quarters
2—P. Perkins D. Cronin—3
4—M. McDermott L. Perry—5
Halves
6—G. Morrissey P. Anderson—7
Forwards
8—D. Rowston W. Evans—9
10—G. Dagwell K. Partridge—11
12—G. Cook G. Whitmore—13

Referee: B. Schofield

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back
1—G. Jordan
Three-quarters
2—J. Karnaghan K. Grainger—3
4—P. Watsford B. Bussell—5
Halves
6—N. Skelton R. Davis—7
Forwards
8—D. Davey E. Russell—9
10—M. Richards J. Brugnoni—11
12—B. Williamson K. Byers—13

Linesmen: L. Maughan (Blue), D. Crain (Red)

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THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—P. Turnbull

2—P. Mitchell	R. Cameron—3
4—T. Conolly	B. Liddbury—5
6—J. Lant	G. Boyd—7
8—C. House	G. Reay—9
10—J. Murray	R. McWilliams—11
12—F. Nicholson	B. Peck—13

Referee: N. Gilbert

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, White Shorts

1—A. Small

2—B. White	H. Small—3
4—M. Walker	A. Corrigan—5
6—M. Smith	G. Swancott—7
8—W. Perring	W. Izzard—9
10—P. Kearns	A. Johnston—11
12—W. Johnston	N. Peazley—13

Linesmen: W. Milton (Blue), J. Maddison (Red)

KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

1—G. Cairns

2—L. O'Brien	D. McNabb—3
4—M. Hargraves	B. Metcalfe—5
6—N. Moffatt	D. Johns—7
8—P. Perkins	T. Counsell—9
10—S. Dunker	R. Shakespeare—11
12—S. Buffer	J. Syer/T. Ellis—13

Referee: R. Reid

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—T. Timms

2—R. Fowell	R. Carr—3
4—J. Latham	G. Matthews—5
6—C. Roberts	P. Callen—7
8—L. Mullard	P. Hunt—9
10—D. O'Neill	J. Findlater—11
12—J. Williamson	G. Nicholls—13

Linesmen: K. Bilton (Blue), W. Hardy (Red)

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—T. McNaughton

2—W. Beekton	N. Morgan—3
4—G. Nicol	Hugo/Hassett—5
6—K. Huff	R. Vitnell—7
8—J. Murdoch	M. Davis—9
10—D. Farr	J. Adamson—11
12—A. Stone	G. Graham—13

Referee: J. Smith

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—D. Andrews

2—D. Horn	J. Zuk—3
4—B. House	S. Whitehouse—5
6—G. Rollinson	W. Gleeson—7
8—L. Moffatt	G. Grainger—9
10—J. Saxby	G. Marquet—11
12—E. Spender	J. Meskauskas—13

Linesmen: G. Benson (Blue), J. Thornton (Red)

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—B. Warby

2—G. White	C. Pritchard—3
4—R. Dean	K. Campbell—5
6—K. Smith	L. Dagwell—7
8—S. Lawson	P. Daniels—9
10—J. Cook	B. Doust—11
12—P. Walls	W. Mutu—13

Referee: D. Bolewski

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—D. Lowe

2—R. Mayo	R. Toby—3
4—D. Steele	T. Price—5
6—V. Watford	G. Elliott—7
8—R. Crooks	R. Benson—9
10—R. Davis	D. Tearle—11
12—D. Cassidy	J. Dubyk—13

Linesmen: L. Maughan (Blue), D. Crain (Red)

CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN

(Blue and White Hoops)

1—P. Carroll

2—V. Morrison	J. Wallwork—3
4—R. Turnbull	J. Marshall—5
6—J. Davison	P. McNamue—7
8—J. McMurtrie	D. Murray—9
10—J. Gardiner	J. Luxford—11
12—J. Bracken	R. Bailey—13

Referee: J. Everett

WARATAH

Gold, Maroon V

1—J. Toohey

2—J. Wallace	B. Pope—3
4—B. Curry	R. Jackson—5
6—D. Miller	D. Brophy—7
8—B. Judd	N. Dawson—9
10—K. Skelly	F. Mullaney—11
12—J. Davey	Donaldson/Trybas—13

Linesmen: R. Milton (Blue), B. Godden (Red)