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Next Week's Fixtures

Cessnock v. Kurri Kurri

Lakes United v. Macquarie United

Western Suburbs v. Central-Charles.

South Newcastle v. Northern Suburbs

Waratah-Mayfield v. Maitland



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NEWS FROM CLUBS

GOOD to see Graham Hetherington back in his second row position in first grade for Kurri.

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IN the lower grades for Souths, Ken Huff and Keith Smith are showing great form and are consistently winning various club awards.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Kurri's Kev Myers on his performance in the first grade. Hope you can keep up the good work.

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WEST third grade second row forward Geoff Kempnich returns to the game after being sidelined through injury. This promising forward is always prominent in both attack and defence and his inclusion in today's team will no doubt strengthen this team.

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MACQUARIE'S third grade are doing well this season with four wins out of five. Justin Drinkwater is holding the forwards together with his great defence around the rucks. Bob Brenton, a newcomer to the club has gained a place in the team this Sunday after a couple of good games as a replacement.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Cessnock goal kicking winger John Phillips and his good wife on the birth of a baby daughter recently. We are happy to say both are doing well.

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BACK after a good spell with Waratah, is that versatile player "Monty" Spruce. Mont can play anywhere in the backline, but seems to do best in the half back spot. The time could well be not far distant when he will shape up against his twin brother "Tag" from West. This could be a battle well worth waiting to see.

TEST TICKETS ON SALE

The Newcastle Leagues Club at National Park Street, Newcastle West, has available tickets for the second and third Test to be played at Sydney. Prices are: \$1.00 to Outer Ground, \$1.50 to Grandstand. Reserved Grandstand tickets have been sold out.

DOING a great job in the South camp is trainer Vince Cronin. Apart from easing the aches and bumps, the former Newcastle representative fullback is also the source of some very sound advice to many of the up and coming younger players.

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CESSNOCK club members enjoyed a very good day's entertainment last Sunday when they were the guests of the Manly Warringah Club. No doubt the young players that were in attendance at the game gained a great deal of knowledge.

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MICK Bickley makes a welcome return to Souths, after being sidelined with an ankle injury.

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WEST first grade five-eighth Garry Banks, showed a great return to form in last Sunday's game against Kurri. His tactical running and sound defence makes Garry a real match winner, particularly as he is a real team player.

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WAL Crust, who will lead South's today, has proven to be a very popular player both with his team mates and club officials. Continued efforts such as last week must surely bring Wal into serious consideration for future Rep. sides.

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CONGRATULATIONS to North's fullback Colin Ball for playing his 100th first grade game today. Colin is now playing the best football of his career and must come into calculations for selection against Great Britain.

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A GREAT occasion at Souths 60's Re-Union Dinner last week, when the five Gibbs brothers were all in attendance. With a list of former players, covering from the year 1910 to the present day, at one stage it seemed like an SOS would have to be sent for referees to control the 20 or so games being replayed during the night.

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CLIFF Ireland showed in last week's match at Maitland that he is still one of the finest tacklers in the Newcastle competition. Over the years Cliff has proved a valuable asset to Souths.

ONE of the few highlights in a rather dismal Waratah display last week, was the form of coach Frank Adams. Frank has been a consistent ball winner since the season began and his general play around the rucks has been first class. A former Hull Kingston Rovers player, Frank has packed down with the best in the business, and he claims apart from big Sam Evans, Chud Loades is on a par with any of them.

KURRI'S unluckiest player is Doug McDonald, who has a broken hand. He hasn't many more games to be his 100th. Hope you will make it.

BOOKINGS for South Newcastle's Red and White Ball on June 17 are already heavy and those wishing to attend are advised to contact Tom Butler for tickets and Logue bookings as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

NORTH'S Reserve Grade Manager, Colin Skene is again doing a great job this season. Many years ago Colin, when at the peak of his football career as a dashing fullback had a slight problem with an alsation dog which wandered onto the field to study his form.

SOUTH Supporters Club are holding another Red and White Revue on Wednesday June 10, with proceeds to go to the Injured Players Fund. This popular gay revue, presented by an amateur cast is always a sell out so get your tickets at South Leagues Club now.

CONGRATULATIONS to West first grade players John Raper and John Cootes on their selection in the N.S.W. team to play Queensland in the annual games between the two States. This year however takes on added significance as good games for these two players as they make the Australian team to play Great Britain in the coming

WEST front row forward Alby Wiggs, played a major role in West forwards. The way he took on the Kurri forwards and came out on top, was heartening for the hard games that lie ahead in West's bid to take out the premiership for 1970.

EASILY the most improved forward in Waratah is Paul Clarke. This is one player who has blossomed in under the coaching of Frank Adams. In a pack of forwards that failed to impress last week, Paul stood out like an Eskimo in the Sahara Desert.

WEST second rower John Barber showed that by his "double up", game on Sunday against Kurri it will be hard for any one forward to keep him out of first grade. This no doubt is good for the club as no one can afford to rest on their laurels, which means that West is in a sound position.

WARATAH has unearthed yet another top class junior product in reserve grade, prop forward Wayne Richards. This player has plenty of natural ability, backs up like a lock forward, and he must be keeping a lot of first graders on their toes.

CESSNOCK followers were pleased with the form shown by winger Robert Cameron against Lakes. Robert scored two very good tries with strong running.

THE selection of Ian Bell as fullback in the third grade is an interesting selection. There are many keen judges in the club that reckon Ian is one of the best fullbacks in the club. Therefore his display today will be watched with great interest.

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Saturday, May 23, 1970

Northern Suburbs v. Central-Charlestown

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back:

1—C. Ball

Three-quarters:

2—P. Watsford D. McManus—3

4—D. Steele R. Cooper—5

Halves:

6—P. Kilmurray R. Andrews—7

Forwards:

8—I. Granshaw W. Mattingley—9

10—D. Maddison K. Hutchinson—11

12—A. Jones D. Nicholls—13

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

White, Blue V, Blue Shorts

Full-back:

1—G. Dunne

Three-quarters:

2—R. Horne J. Bonus—3

4—G. White J. Halloran—5

Halves:

6—D. Brown L. Gailey—7

Forwards:

8—N. Wilkinson G. Dunne—9

10—E. Curtis D. Gaul—11

12—J. Harvey W. Donaldson—13

Referee: W. Humphries

Linesmen: H. Horne (Blue Flag), S. Delforce (Red Flag)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.45 p.m.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back:

1—G. Elliott

Three-quarters:

2—D. Plimmer K. Sweetman—3

4—A. Wasley R. Toby—5

Halves:

6—P. Sullivan N. Shelton—7

Forwards:

8—D. Davey D. Greaves—9

10—R. Petersen T. Malone—11

12—B. Gilbert K. Grace—13

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

White, Blue V, Blue Shorts

Full-back:

1—D. Lee

Three-quarters:

2—D. Gillogly J. Shoebridge—3

4—R. Turnbull K. Grainger—5

Halves:

6—P. Mundy Des Lee—7

Forwards:

8—A. Hudson G. Briggs—9

10—N. Hughes P. Crockett—11

12—L. Jones J. Luxford—13

Referee: C. Sheather

Linesmen: K. Cartwright (Blue Flag), J. Schofield (Red Flag)

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THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—S. Ongley

2—S. Whitehouse	J. Zuk—3
4—M. Pittman	F. Kowaleczuk—5
6—B. Clarke	M. Boland—7
8—M. Zysek	J. Wolinski—9
10—G. Oldfield	G. Marquet—11
12—P. Perry	P. Healey—13

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—R. Johnson

2—J. McLoughney	J. Stacey—3
4—G. Stokes	W. Davey—5
6—J. Dever	R. Gilmore—7
8—W. Mowatt	P. Winchester—9
10—W. Kemhrey	D. Crump—11
12—R. Thomas	B. Peck—13

Referee: B. Schofield

Linesmen: T. Mowbray (Blue Flag), L. Maughan (Red Flag)

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—D. Ellis

2—I. Gardner	M. Hesketh—3
4—J. McCarter	V. Watsford—5
6—W. Young	G. Gilson—7
8—P. Cox	J. Wilson—9
10—R. Benson	K. Burns—11
12—J. Hattam	N. Petersen—13

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

White, Blue V, Blue Shorts

1—D. Murray

2—M. Butt	W. Hodge—3
4—J. McMurtrie	G. Paget—5
6—M. Lockhart	J. Sanson—7
8—D. Marjoribanks	P. Power—9
10—T. Angus	J. Hinds—11
12—T. Corrigan	F. Mullaney—13

Referee: N. Scotman

Linesmen: K. Cartwright (Blue Flag), J. Schofield (Red Flag)

KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

1—J. Wright

2—D. Swan	G. Bates—3
4—B. Metcalfe	W. Edgell—5
6—B. Leary	P. Perkins—7
8—P. Williams	A. Bailey—9
10—R. Leggett	I. Ellis—11
12—B. Hampton	D. Baker—13

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, White Shorts

1—P. Thomson

2—D. Thompson	P. Hill—3
4—A. Small	L. Thomson—5
6—W. Cartwright	M. Smith—7
8—D. Whipper	R. Zappara—9
10—J. Cook	I. Lee—11
12—W. Davies	A. Peazley—13

Referee: R. Brownlea

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

WARATAH-MAYFIELD

Gold, Maroon V

1—R. Hickson

2—K. McKay	G. Pappas—3
4—D. Martin	B. Brown—5
6—K. Barry	R. Shakespeare—7
8—R. Osborn	K. Skelley—9
10—J. Ridgwell	K. Fishlock—11
12—R. Bailey	W. Tracy—13

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—T. McNaughton

2—R. Carnell	W. Krum—3
4—R. Lazarus	V. Cronin—5
6—J. Johnson	H. Miller—7
8—J. Murdoch	A. Stamp—9
10—J. Bracken	D. Morgan—11
12—R. Thornton	A. Stone—13

Referee: C. Billington

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

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—R. Brenton

2—W. Ping	R. Fowell—3
4—G. Matthews	B. Robinson—5
6—K. Barry	P. Lane—7
8—C. Gavenlock	K. McDonough—9
10—T. Redman	D. Hume—11
12—J. Drinkwater	Neylan/ Rodgers—13

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—I. Bell

2—K. Campbell	W. Evans—3
4—K. Galvin	A. Wallis—5
6—P. Anderson	W. Hancock—7
8—W. Kirk	G. Kempnich—9
10—K. Smith	W. Mutu—11
12—B. Rooney	Ravlen/Dries—13

Referee: R. Paton

Linesmen: C. Russell (Blue Flag), K. Bilton (Red Flag)