





CONGRATULATIONS to the scorpions on winning all three grades last week. Keep it up this week lads. \* \* \*

THE recipient of the North Supporters Club weekly award for a good all round game against South was Ken Wilson.

SHOWING PROMISE in Norths Third Grade team is Dennis Hughes who has been turning in some excellent games in the centre position. Keep up the good work Dennis.

A BIG HAND to John Shoebridge former Central player, recently retired as a player to take over the coaching side. John has charge of the Central-Charlestown under 19 side, at present undefeated.

MACQUARIE UNITED committee and players will miss Pat Hoggard. Pat has been Macquarie's conditioner for the past four seasons, all players wish him and his family all the best in their new venture in Sydney.

AN OLD WARATAH stalwart who has also become very well known by Rugby League followers from other clubs retires this week. We wish Fred Lyons a long and happy retirement from the work-a-day world but we know he will still be active on the Rugby League scene.

THE SCHOFIELD FAMILY is still playing a most important part in Cessnock football. Don (dad) is senior V.P. and No. 1 raffle ticket seller, while James is doing well in 3rd grade, Michael is a star under 16 player and Danny and David are on the scene as well. Barbara (mum) is a great barracker.

MICK TRYPAS, "the golden Greek" West 2nd row forward will be keen to have a big one today against Waratah. Besides the fact he is playing against his old club he will be flat out to again establish himself in the West senior team once more, as he seems to be the player "to go" in a tight situation. PAUL MERLO once again gave a non-stop game both in attack and defence last week. Paul is a young player who could go on to bigger things.

GOOD to see Bulldog Mick Beesley back on the paddock after a cartilege operation. Mick kicked off in 3rd grade last week and with a few more games under his belt should keep players in higher grades on their toes. \* \* \*

LAKES UNITED winger Paul Williams is getting his share of tries of late. Paul has good football sense which puts him in the right place at the right time to finish off moves. \* \* \*

MANY THANKS to North's timekeeper Merv Walker who carries out his duties each week in an efficient and conscientious manner.

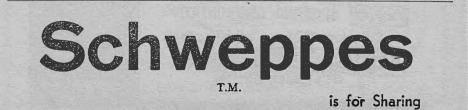
STEVE Stawski, Doug Harper and Paul Edmonds are all from the Stockton club and have fitted in quite well in North's lower grade teams.

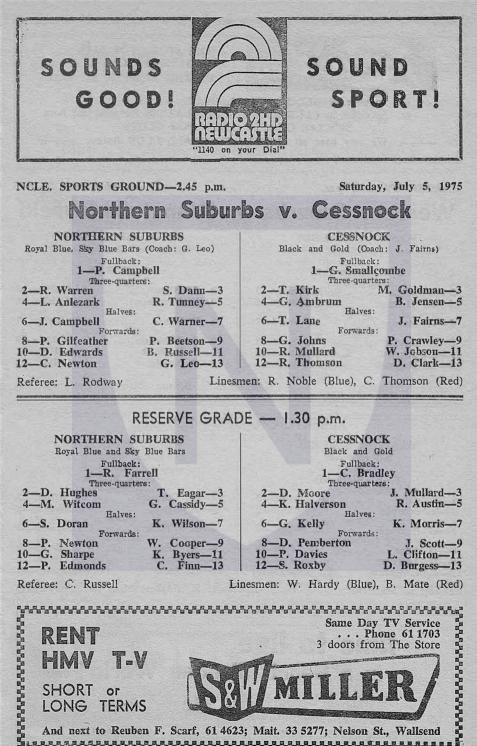
CONGRATULATIONS to Ken Bolton in being selected in first grade this week. Ken is a staunch Maitland player and has been one of the driving forwards in the reserve grades almost unbeaten record.

DENNIS WARD, West first grade captain had a big game against Kurri last Saturday. He was everywhere in both attack and defence and it seems he is regaining the form that made him known as "Dennis the Menace" in the Australian team.

CONGRATULATIONS to Central threequarter Graham Moran for his two tries against the 'Nocks on Saturday last. A good class footballer is at last, finding top form.

MAITLAND fans will notice Dave Morelands grey Chev missing from games for the next few weeks. The car, and Dave, were involved in an accident last week and although Dave suffered a slight dent in his pride, the car is a little the worse for wear.





And next to Reuben F. Scarf, 61 4623; Mait. 33 5277; Nelson St., Wallsend 



## First Grade

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 24 (G. Armstrong 2, R. Griffiths 2, G. Banks, M. Brennan tries; P. Howlett 3 goals) d KURRF KURRI 52 (J. Roach 2, N. Boyes, W. Scotman, N. Bagnall, L. Blakeney tries; Bagnall 2 goals).

CESSNOCK 26 (T. Kirk 4, D. Clark, W. Jobson tries; G. Smallcombe 4 goals) d NORTHERN SUBURBS 17 (S. Dann, J. Campbell, G. Leo tries, P. Campbell 4 goals);

MAITLAND 19 (P. Kachel 2, M. McMahon, R. Sneesby, A. West tries; W. Medcali 2 goals) d MACQUARIE UNITED 18 (K. Christiansen, J. Sommers, P. Stevens, A. Walters tries; T. Moore 3 goals).

LAKES UNITED 29 (S. Booth 2, P. Williams, J. Brock, L. Jones, D. Gardiner, T. Sheppard tries; R. Burgess 4 goals) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 17 (P. Dodds, T. McGregor, P. Eulo tries; M. Boland 4 goals).

WESTERN SUBURBS 38 (G. Owen 2, P. Cootes, P. Slattery, T. Stevens, J. Beecher, K. Hemsworth, K. Hutchiuson tries; Hemsworth 7 goals) d WARATAH-MAYFIELD 12 (D. Bliss, M. Edser tries; S. Hudson 3 goals).

**RESERVE GRADE:** South Newcastle 20 d Kurri Kurri 16; Northern Suburbs 18 drew with Cessnock 18; Maitland 14 d Macquarie United 13; Lakes United 21 d Gentral Charlestown 7; Western Suburbs 28 d Waratah-Mayfield 6:

THIRD GRADE: Kurri Kurri 9 d South Newcastle 8; Northern Subarbs 24 d Cessnock 16; Macquarie United 10 drew with Maitland 10; Central Charlestown 8 drew with Lakes United 8; Western Suburbs 35 d Waratah-Mavijeld 0.