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# Looking at League

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## "A TOP FIVE"

The gap on the points table between seventh and first places has now stretched to seven. A clear top five has emerged for the first time in many weeks.

Sixth and seventh teams, Macquarie and Maitland, are in all sorts of trouble and have the job in front of them if they are to make the finals series in just four more weeks. For them it is desperation time.

Their job could be made a little easier if leaders South can defeat West on Sunday at Harker Oval. The Rosellas have just come from a furious encounter with Lakes, one which they lost and another loss will cause problems. The thought of another loss on the trot is probably something Gary Martine's boys won't hear about.

The Lions have been cruising along from quite comfortably and they should be in really good form. This looks to be the "grand final" this week. Should be a beauty!

Macquarie take on Cessnock at home. The Scorpions had Central on toast at half time but after about 20 minutes in the second half let the game slip right away. One more effort like that and it is curtains for 1988.

The Goannas from Cessnock have been steadily compiling points and they find themselves equal third on the table. To win this competition they have got to start to be ruthless and a good win over Macquarie could be just what is needed. This one looks to be a real good game.

Maitland are at home to Central and at the moment are in disarray. They have lost three on the trot and don't seem to be able to keep their minds on the job. There is little time left to get back on the right track and if it doesn't happen this week, 1988 has gone down the track.

Central shook off their lethargy in the second half against Macquarie and produced some powerful play. It is premiership winning stuff and if produced in this game will enable

the Butcher Boys to hold their second spot comfortably.

North are at home to Kurri and while improving steadily don't really have much chance against the Bulldogs. Kurri just won't lie down and have three big games after this one. They could finish the season in a blaze of glory and cause some real upsets in those last three.

Waratah are at home to Lakes and generally have had a disappointing season. They don't really appear to have the commitment to trouble the premiers who have now won four in a row. It's all been coincidental with the recovery of players from injury and the return of captain-coach Peter Walsh. On form the Seagulls should continue in this way for a few more matches with a showdown against Cessnock in the Coalfields in the last round.

## 2HD Player of the Year

The "Player of the Year" competition for the 1988 Premiership is being sponsored again by Radio 2HD. Points are awarded out of 10 for the performance of three players in each game. For the remaining four rounds of the competition, the weekly points will not be published. The result of the competition will be finalised at the Newcastle Rugby League's Presentation Night on 31st August at West Leagues Club.

Leaders at the end of Series 14 were:

### Progress Points:

- 50—J. Hunter (Cess)
- 49—T. Stevenson (Mac)
- 45—T. Price (WS)
- 39—P. Williams (KK), T. Vaughan (Sth)
- 37—M. Sullivan (Mac)
- 28—T. Donaldson (Sth), M. Burrows (Mait)
- 27—G. Eager (Mait)
- 25—P. Atkins (WS)
- 23—W. Snowden (Cent)

## Junior Cup Competitions

The Newcastle Junior League are currently conducting their mid-week Cup competitions. Nominations for the three Cups — Wilson Cup (Under 16), Incorporation Cup (Under 18), President's Cup (Under 20) — were received only from the 10 District Clubs this year, with representative teams to be selected where applicable.

In the elimination rounds, the results were as follows:

### Wilson Cup:

West 46 d North nil

### Incorporation Cup:

Lakes 32 d South nil

West 34 d North nil

### President's Cup:

Lakes 16 d South 6

West 34 d North nil

In Round 1, Kurri Under 16, and Waratah Under 18 and Under 20

teams had walkovers to advance to the 1st Semi-final. Their opponents will be Maitland in all three grades, Maitland defeating Cessnock 20 to 6 in Wilson Cup, 38 to 4 in Incorporation Cup, 66 to nil in President's Cup.

Two matches have been played this week, on Wednesday night Lakes played Macquarie in all three grades and Central met West on Thursday night. The winners will clash in the second semi-final.

The two semi-finals are set down for next Tuesday and Wednesday, 5th and 6th July on grounds to be decided. The Finals of the competition will be played at the I.S.C. on Saturday, 16th July starting at 12.20 p.m.

# NEWCASTLE RUGBY LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

Sunday, July 3—2.45 p.m.

Passmore Oval

## North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

Coach: Ziggy Niszczot



### 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

- 1—IAN LUCIETTO
- 2—MARK WHEATLEY
- 3—DARREN KIRKLAND
- 4—STEVE RIDGEWAY
- 5—PETER SULLIVAN
- 6—DARRYL MAXWELL
- 7—TERRY DENT
- 8—JERRY MAULA
- 9—PETER WILLIAMS
- 10—DAVID STANFORD
- 11—BRUCE EDDON
- 12—RAY KEIGHTLEY 36
- 13—BRETT DANN

Referee: T. Gustard

## Kurri Kurri

Red, white and blue

Coach: Peter Brady



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### PENALTIES

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- 1—PETER HAFEY 46
- 2—MARK COLLINS
- 3—GLEN MESSENGER
- 4—JOHN MUNRO
- 5—VICTOR DOBING
- 6—SHANE LEE
- 7—DALE WILLIAMS
- 8—MARK SUMNER
- 9—PETER BRADY (c)
- 10—SCOTT NANCARROW
- 11—PAUL ROMANIUK
- 12—PHILLIP WILLIAMS 96
- 13—PATRICK TURNER

Touch Judges: W. Wilson (Blue), W. Ross (Red)

## RESERVE GRADE — 1.10 p.m.

### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Peter Taylor

1—Darren BARRETT

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2—Mark HARWOOD    | Darren JONES—3  |
| 4—Harry GARVIE    | Mark JACKSON—5  |
| 6—Allan ARMSTRONG | Craig AFFLICK—7 |
| 8—Mark PAYNE      | Paul KODELA—9   |
| 10—Eddie ULBURT   | Steven SAULT—11 |
| 12—Neil HALL      | Brian SLADE—13  |

Referee: S. Crich

### KURRI KURRI

Coach: Paul Prior

1—Scott MOY

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 2—Darren JEFFERY  | Tony BARNES—3        |
| 4—Michael MURPHY  | Stephen TRANTER—5    |
| 6—Dale BATES (c)  | Brian McALISTER—7    |
| 8—Paul CREMONA    | Karl JUHNKE—9        |
| 10—Glenn McINTOSH | Shaun COLLINGWOOD—11 |
| 12—Mark FOSTER    | Graham SNEDDEN—13    |

Touch Judges: K. Beku (Blue), J. Small (Red)

## THIRD GRADE — 11.45 a.m.

### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Ray Keighley

1—Mark PRASSER

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 2—Mark SHERIDAN  | Adam LOWE—3     |
| 4—Dave STEVENS   | Mark CROCKETT—5 |
| 6—Shane BANKS    | Robert GOLDEN—7 |
| 8—Bill IZZARD    | Col SMITH—9     |
| 10—Ivan TOCKNALL | Mark PRATTER—11 |
| 12—Peter TAYLOR  | Brad SMITH—13   |

Referee: M. Walsh

### KURRI KURRI

Coach: Michael Whaler

1—David BENNETT

- |                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 2—Robert BALDWIN     | Tony HUGHES—3    |
| 4—Rodney OLIVER      | Bruce PONT—5     |
| 6—Michael WHALER (c) | Troy DOHERTY—7   |
| 8—David NEILD        | Geoff BROWNING—9 |
| 10—Troy COLLINGWOOD  | Tom DAVIES—11    |
| 12—Peter EDWARDS     | Mark LESTER—13   |

Touch Judges: K. Beku (Blue), J. Small (Red)

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## First Grade

MACQUARIE UNITED 18 (M. Stortenbeker, G. Sullivan, M. Sullivan tries; J. Holt 3 goals) d CESSNOCK 16 (D. Levido, M. Schofield tries; M. Schofield 4 goals).

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 15 (R. Jones, P. Hill tries; P. Parr 3 goals, S. Robinson drop goal) d WESTERN SUBURBS 8 (T. Amidy try; B. Felshaw 2 goals).

KURRI KURRI 70 (P. Hafey 4, P. Williams 3, P. Brady 2, M. Collins 2, S. Collingwood, D. Williams tries; P. Williams 9 goals) d NORTHERN NEWCASTLE (T. Dodds, D. Maxwell tries; R. Keight 3 goals).

LAKES UNITED 34 (B. Blake 2, S. Drinkwater, L. Browne, V. Haslam tries; P. Walsh 6 goals, L. Bowne goal) d WARATAH-MAYFIELD 6 (M. Hanlon try; B. Lantry goal).

MAITLAND 28 (D. Michalski, G. Brown, G. Codrington, D. Edwards tries; B. Winkler 6 goals) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 24 (S. Fitzsimmons 2, A. McDonell, S. Cherry tries; W. Snowden 4 goals).

## Reserve Grade

Macquarie 16 d Cessnock 14, West 20 d South 10, Kurri 86 d North 14, Lakes 8 drew with Waratah 8, Maitland 24 d Central 20.

## Third Grade

Cessnock 20 d Macquarie 8, West 12 d South 10, Kurri 26 d North 10, Lakes 22 d Waratah 16, Maitland 28 d Central 16.