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# Fifth Semi-final Position Open

After results of series 11 played last weekend the fifth semi-final position is still wide open with four teams, Kurri Kurri, Macquarie United, Waratah-Mayfield and Central Charlestown being separated by only two points.

Interest is running high also with the top four teams as to who will qualify for the preliminary semi-final which gives the losing team a second chance in the semi-finals. Lakes United have a great chance of taking out the minor title with 23 points already recorded, taking them three points clear of second placed team Western Suburbs while South Newcastle's defeat of Cessnock has put them only two points behind the "Goannas" and in a position to challenge for a spot in the top three placings.

The match of the series played at Lyle Peacock Field this Saturday is full of interest and could hold the key to Macquarie's chances of making the semi-finals. South Newcastle are certainly improving every game and their win over Cessnock 13 points to 6 was a great result for the "Lions" who are emerging as a grand final contender.

Macquarie United in their last game had a comfortable win over Central Charlestown to take them to equal fifth position on ten points with Kurri Kurri and therefore will be keen to continue their winning form against South. Both teams are strong in the forwards and while South may start favourites in this game a close result would not surprise.

The Kurri "Bulldogs" play Waratah-Mayfield at the Kurri Sports Ground on Sunday in a game that is vital to Waratah's semi-final chances as they are two points behind Kurri on the points table and a loss to them would certainly make their chances of qualifying for the semi-finals most difficult. Although defeated by West last Sunday 24 points to 16 it was one of Kurri's best displays so far this season and their coach, Peter Brady will have his team 'fired up' for this game as a win for them is also vital to consolidate their present standing on the points table.

Central Charlestown are still in contention for the fifth semi-final position even though they went down to Macquarie last Friday night and their match against competition leaders Lakes United could determine their prospects for this season, however, the "Butcher Boys" are favoured with a good draw in the remaining fixtures and Club officials are confident their team can still make the top five. After this series Central will have played West, Cessnock and Lakes the top teams in the competition at present.

Maitland will be out to continue the form they displayed when they comfortably defeated North Newcastle last week, in their game against Cessnock at the Maitland Sports Ground on Sunday. Keen rivalry between these two Clubs has always existed and the "Pumpkin Pickers" will not let Cessnock have it all their own way.

# LAKES FIRM GRIP ON CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Lakes United seem assured of retaining the coveted Club Championship Trophy, which they won last year.

Their three teams have amassed 281 points to be 51 clear of their closest rivals South Newcastle and Western Suburbs who are on 230 points. Waratah are in fourth position on 188 points

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The result Lakes have in the Club Championship points table is certainly a combined effort by their three teams. The first grade are leading the competition on 23 points, reserve grade again competition leaders on 22 points and the third grade is equal second with South on 18 points.

INTERNATIONAL FIXTURE

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## Western Suburbs

#### Red and green

1-PHIL ELLIOTT

2—GLENN MURRAY

3—GREG EAGAR

4-TOM QUINN

5-MITCHELL KNIGHT

6-TIM BUTLER

7—CRAIG HIGGINS

8-PETER WEBBER

9-LORN McDOUGALL

10—GEOFF COBURN

11—PAUL MERLO (c)

12-WAYNE NEWLING

13—JOHN FARRAR

Referee: P Riddell

#### Coach: Paul Merlo



### SCRUMS

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

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## North Newcastle

#### Royal blue and sky

1-PETER WALKER

2—DAVE ANDERSON

3-NICK O'RRIEN

4—TONY PICKIN

5—IAN MILLINGTON

6-DAVID NEWTON

7-WAYNE WALKER

8-MARK WRIGHT

9-SHANE GARSIDE

10—COL GIGGINS

11—TODD ANDERSON

12-MICK RYAN

13-TOM PARKS

Coach: Karl Hutchinson



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Late Touch Judges: S. Crich (Blue), R. Newton (Red)

#### RESERVE GRADE

#### WESTERN SUBURBS

Coach: Steve Smith

1—Jon HULBERT

2—Brendan O'CONNOR Roger PEARSON—3

4—Craig DEDMAN 6—Peter HAGGERTY

8—Ashley HARDES 10—Brett NIXON

12—Graeme RUSSELL

Peter HILL—5

Peter DEDMAN—7 Wayne DAWSON—9

Greg HARRISON-11 Guy KEENAN—13

### 7.10 p.m.

#### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Mick Ryan

1-Darren MAXWELL

2—Peter PRESTON

4—John BLENKIRON
6—Ken FAIRHALL (c) 6—Ken FAIKIALA 8—Patrick MULLEN

12—Peter TAYLOR

Dale WALTON-3 Rick COLEMAN-5 Darren MEHAN-7

Dave WILLIAMS-9

Brett DANN-11 Wayne HYDE-13

Referee: D. Crich

#### THIRD GRADE

#### WESTERN SUBURBS

Coach: Brendan Barber

1-Grant SEMMLER

2—Graham HOPKINS 4—Glenn GRAY 6—Nick VAN VELD

8—David ASHMAN

10—Craig DODD

12-Ken DALY Referee: F. Kitcher Michael FORT—3
Jeff KENNING—5

Graham BAKER-7

Gary KEENAN—9 David BALDWIN—11

David HARLEY-13

5.35 p.m.

#### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Terry Dent

1—Tony DODDS

2—Dave FLETCHER

4—David MAHER 6—Terry DENT 8—Ray KEATLEY

10—Carl BLICK

12—Steve NEWELL

Ron PAYNE—3 Garry EVANS—5 Allan ARMSTRONG—7 Don HAPPY

Phil HARRISON—11

Kevin ARMSTRONG—13

Early Touch Judges: R. Davis (Blue), J. Lawson (Red)

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#### NBN 3-CARLTON PREMIERSHIP

#### First Grade

LAKES UNITED 44 (S. Drinkwater 2, M. Bates 2, D. Grant, S. Walters, T. Tuckwell, C. Sullivan tries, P. Walsh 6 goals) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 6 (L. Hammond try, G. Price goal).

KURRI KURRI 24 (P. Wifliams 2, P. Brady, P. Watson tries, P. Williams 4 goals) d WARATAH-MAYFIELD 16 (E. McGrady, P. Garbutt, W. Wilson tries, T. Vaughan 2 goals).

CESSNOCK 14 (R. Craig 2 tries, B. Davies 3 goals) d MAITLAND 10 (P. Jones, M. Hughes tries, D. Edwards goal).

MACQUARIE UNITED 18 (A. Williams, M. McCloskey tries, W. Snowden 5 goals) drew with SOUTH NEWCASTLE 18 (P. Cole, S. Cherry, P. Waite tries, P. Waite 2 goals).

WESTERN SUBURBS 70 (M.) (Knight 2, C. Higgins 2, W. Newling 2, L. McDougail, T. Butler, G. Eagar, P. Elliott, P. Haggerty, W., Dawson tries, M. Knight 11 goals) d NORTH NEWCASTIE 4 (D. Newlon try)

#### Reserve Grade

Lakes 48 d Central 10. Waratah 36 d Kuurri 18, Cessnock 22 d Maitland 6, South 60 d Macquarie 0, West 68 d North 12.

#### Third Grade

Lakes 34 d Central 4, Kurri 14 d Waratah 10, Maitland 11 d Cessnock 4, South 22 d Macquarie 10, West 46 d North 0,