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NEWS FROM CLUBS

MAITLAND congratulates Brian Burke on his selection in the State team and we earnestly hope that he will be selected to represent his country.

JIMMY "Batlow" Karnaghan, North's winger, due to an enforced spell came back to form with vengence against West last week. Jim showed plenty of speed and determination in scoring his try that put his team on the path to victory.

TICKET No. 12778 copped Central's raffle on Sunday last. The lucky holder a Mr. Woolston, congratulations.

FROM Hexham Second Division to Waratah first grade is surely a big step but young halfback Dennis Shakespeare grabbed his opportunity in no uncertain manner last week. With everything in his kit to become a regular top player, keep your eye on this player from now on, because he is a player of great potential.

WEST representative front row forward John Barber, will return to his regular spot in first grade today against Maitland. Many keen followers of the game in Newcastle, will be eager to see for themselves how "Barb" has improved since gaining his N.S.W. jumper. One thing is certain "Barb" will be flat out to show his selection was warranted.

LAKES UNITED second row forward Wayne Cooper has earned his place in first grade with continued good showings in reserves. Wayne is a very knowledgeable player and was awarded, by the junior body of Lakes United, the trophy for the player most likely to succeed a couple of seasons back.

RECEIVING congratulations are Maitland third grade hooker Paul Perry and his wife Margaret on the arrival of a baby boy.

DALLAS JONES, Waratah third grade team manager is doing a fine job again this year. Win, lose or draw he is on hand all the time and both the players and the club apprepriate his loyalty.

DAVID "Butch" Greaves has set North supporters talking with his outstanding game against West. With more games of this calibre, "Butch" will find himself a regular member of North's first grade.

GARY WHITFIELD and his Cessnock All Age boys have the right spirit. They are not winning many games because their team is chopped around each week filling vacancies in the grade sides. However they keep trying and still have enough strength to sing the club a song after victory or defeat.

ANOTHER player to perform in great style at Cessnock last week was Waratah's lock Eddie Shields. Although not big in stature, Eddie is as tough as an old boot, and it's likely he will be called upon many more times to fill in the first grade side.

A BIG Welcome from all Central to Mr. and Mrs. Cec Keed from Peak Hill. Cec, is improving with every game. Keep up the good work and stay with the first grade old boy.

IT is good to see winger Ron Hall make the Lakes United reserve grade team at last. Ron has been the club's best trainer since well before the season started. Third grade coach Wayne Cartwright although wishing him well in reserves is sorry to see him go out of the third grade where he has scored many tries to help put the team on top of the points table.

MAITLAND half back Max Boland, last week turned in an outstanding performance and we are very fortunate in having such a capable replacement for Brian. Max was judged the club's best and fairest player.

TALENTED second-row forward Greg Cook makes his re-appearance today in the senior team. This young player combines brilliant attack with dour defence and with the emphasis being today on both speed and defence makes him an ideal player. Greg also will no doubt be keen to at last get on the paddock with "J.R." for the first time.

WAYNE CONWAY, Central forward after a couple of years army duty, is showing terrific form and played a big part in the Blue and Whites win over Kurri.

THE Nocks have a hard working husband and wife combination in Gail and Terry Conolly. While Terry is taming lower grade opposition, Mrs. C. is busy selling sweets or raffle tickets or anything else the Ladies' Committee has to sell. Keep it up, the pair of you.

MAITLAND Club congratulates Gary Whitmore and Pam on their engagement, we wish them every happiness.

CONGRATULATIONS to Central on breaking the ice against Kurri last weekend, the fight back from at 7-16 deficit to a 22-16 win, showed their splendid condition in the concluding stages.

TWO of the happiest members of North after their win last week was Reserve Grade coach Don Williams and his team manager Colin Skene, because the first grade team against West con-sisted of seven reserve grade players of the week before. This gives Don and Col plenty of encouragement in the games to come in their belief that their reserve grade team will make the final four.

I DOUBT if there is a player these days as good as young Neil Dawson from Waratah who is destined to be in reserve grade all the time. However Neil is a fine club man and should the opportunity present itself, you can be sure he will fill a first grade spot with all the effort he puts into his game in reserves each week.

LAKES UNITED front rower Brian Sullivan had a particularly strong game ast week after being in Sydney with the country sides. Brian, now approaching 26 years of age, has toughened up a good deal and is a force to be reckoned with these days. An ever willing runner and in tip top condition he just keeps on coming.

NORTH players and officials wish Steve Farquhar all the best for the future as he gets married today in Oueensland.

CENTRAL Ladies' Committee are doing a grand job for the old club, much appreciation is felt by all the players and club officials.

CONGRATULATIONS to Macquarie United Treasurer, Owen McGrath and his wife Margaret on their recent new arrival.

LAKES United third grade fullback, Bruce Wade, called on to fill the position after several good games in the forwards was seen to be reliable in his new spot last week and has been retained in that position. Good work Bruce.

TO our President, Mr. George Johns, of Kurri, best wishes for a happy and healthy married life, from your club and supporters.

WEST'S Lucky Number against North was No. 1872, Mr. W. Hoye, Wimbledon Grove Kotara. Mr. Hoye accepted the electric blanket.

A RECENT survey of top point scorers for the Cessnock club revealed that the "daddy" of them all was former International Dave Parkinson. "Dasher" scored in excess of 1,100 points in his 203 games for the club. Well done, by a great clubman.

STATE WIN TO N.S.W.

Despite a big disadvantage in the scrums, N.S.W. defeated Queensland 12-3 in the first of the season's Interstate games at Lang Park, Brisbane last Wednesday night.

A record night crowd of 30,000 saw International Queensland hooker, Brian Fitzsimmons win the scrums 32-14 from Dick Jeffrey, who was having his first State match and who played as a prop forward for the last 15 minutes of the game. Newcastle men, Barber, Burke and Kimmorley played well.

Scores: N.S.W. 12 (Fulton 2 tries, K. Campbell 3 goals) d Queensland 3 (W.

Bennett try).



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NCLE. SPORTS GROUND-3 p.m.

Saturday, May 29, 1971

Northern Suburbs v. Lakes United

NORTHERN SUBURBS Blue with White N

> Full-back: 1-P. Watsford

Three quarters: ell K. Sweetman—3 2—B. Bussel. 4—A. Wasley Halves: J. Karnaghan-5

ws N. Skelton—7
Forwards: 6-R. Andrews

S—D. Davey 10—D. Greaves D. Maddison—9 K. Hutchinson—11

J. Flaherty-13

LAKES UNITED Blue and Gold, White Shorts

> Full-back: 1-H. Bolt

2—N. McDonnell 4—R. Burgess Halves: Three-quarters: J. Fisher—3 P. Cootes—5

6-J. Campbell N. Hincks-7

Forwards:

W. Cooper—9

B. Sullivan—11 S—T. Andrews
10—P. Radford
12—T. Shiels R. Johnson-13

Referee: J. Wallace Linesmen: D. Webb (Blue Flag), L. Maughan (Red Flag)

RESERVE GRADE - 1.30 p.m.

NORTHERN SUBURBS Blue with White N

Full-back:

1—G. Jordan
Three.quarters:
Plimmer G. Crompton—3
Newson L. Dawson—5 L. Plining

A. Newson

Halves:

R. Vitnell-7 6-M. Witcom

Forwards: S—P. Sullivan 10—Steele/Benson P. Cox—9 T. Malone—11 G. Alchin—13

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, White Shorts

Full-back:

1—A. King
Three quarters:
2—W. Hemsworth
A. Corrigan—3
4—G. Gaegler
R. Hall—5

6-J. Sommers P. Maher-7

Forwards:

S—P. Newton
10—S. Rapley
12—0. Renfrew

B. Ives—9
H. Jonczyk—11
R. McDonnell—13

Referee: J. Smith Linesmen: W. Hardy (Blue Flag), N. Digby (Red Flag)



THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

-M. Osland D. I D. Beveridge-3

S. Dunker—5 J. Collins—7 G. Bates
J. Collins—7
—T. Stewart
—W. Bartlett
—F. Nicholson
G. Robertson—13 CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1-C. Bradley

B. Connolly-

2—R. Smith
4—B. Lidbury
6—R. Johnson
8—W. Davey
10—F. Lennard
12—L. Williams D. Moore-5 T. Connolly-7 K. Barry-9 D. Burke-11

B. Peek-13

Referee: B. Godden

Linesmen: R. Milton (Blue Flag), G. Benson (Red Flag)

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Blue with White N

1-G. Callaghan T. Mitchell J. Sansom-3

4—R. Toby 6—W. Young 8—P. Gray 10—Benson/Gardiner R. Owen—5 J. Swan—7

T. Rippon—9
K. Byers—11
S. Chapman—13 12-D. Cassidy

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, White Shorts

1—B. Wade
R. Baxter—3
N. Goudge—5
vright
G. Swancott—7
R. Grice—9 R. Grice-

2—J. Howard 4—R. Hall 6—W. Cartwright S—R. Bell 10—J. Brock 12—S. Sukier F. Mullaney-11 P. Ramplin-13

Referee: B. Schofield

Linesmen: W. Hardy (Blue Flag), N. Digby (Red Flag)

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—B. Lulham
T. Maule—3
R. Fowell—5 2—G. McCormack
4—P. Deaves
6—P. McNamee
8—B. Robinson
10—D. O'Neall
12—P. Shields K. Mavin-7

T. Redman—9
D. Timms—11
P. Neylan—13

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

White, Blue V, Blue Shorts

1-G. Dunn

2-G. Hodgson B. Nash-3 B. Nash—3 J. Condon—5 P. Busteed—7 D. Murray—9 4—R. Bailey 6—B. Paget 8—B. Jackson 10—P. Power 12—G. Owens R. Simmington—11 W. Roderick—13

Referee: Mr. D. Crich

Linesmen: S. Delforce (Blue Flag), T. McAndrew (Red Flag)

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

i—L. Gooley
on N. Morgan—3
J. Gardiner—5
nan B. Walton—7
G. Allen—9 2-P. Johnson 4-G. Nicol 4—G. Nicol
6—B. Hoffman
S—G. Stephenson
0—A. Stamp G. Graham-11 D. Morgan-13

WARATAH-MAYFIELD

Maroon, Gold V

1-T. Anthony

2-W. Naylor 4-B. Brophy 6-D. Bailey 8-P. Osborne J. Kozella-

J. Ridgwell—5
T. Warner—
K. Skelley—5
W. Richards—15 10-A. Anderson 12-R. Bailey D. O'Connell-13

Referee: D. Thornton

Linesmen: J. Maddison (Blue Flag), R. Jones (Red Flag)

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1-B. Warby

-G. Turner -O. Kilpatrick F. Frasca—7
Campbell/Gralton—9 -P. O'Neill 8—L. Scott 10—W. Mutu 12—T. Prince N. Beri-11 A. Druery-13

MAITLAND

Black and White

1-D. Andrews

A. Wallis—3
R. Cronin—5
F. Frasca—7
G—R. McKinnon R. Madge—3 S. Whitehouse—5 P. Williams-7

S-R. Wawszkowicz
10-H. Geissler
12-P. Perry

F. Williams-7

K. Lantry-9

G. Marguet-11

G. Oldfield-13

Referee: T. Austin Linesmen: W. Milton (Blue Flag), R. Keating (Red Flag)