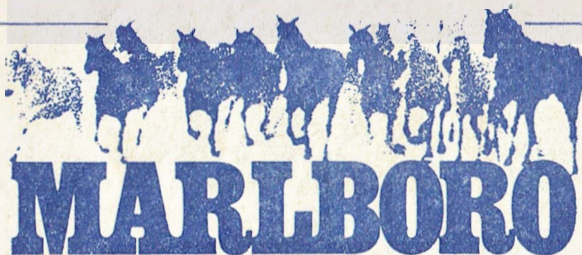


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**FOLLOW THE NBN 3 MARLBORO
PLAYER OF THE YEAR ON SPORTS REPORT**

NEWS FROM CLUBS

ON the injured list of the Maitland Club are many valuable forwards, namely Keith, Kevin, Ray and Gavan. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

MACQUARIE UNITED Ball is on tonight, Saturday, June 1, at Wangi R.S.L. Club. All players and supporters roll up and enjoy yourself. D. Hamilton still has a few tickets left.

MACQUARIE welcome to their ranks Mark Langsford and Bob Lanigan, both very capable goalkickers. May you both put many over the black dot!

CESSNOCK Juniors are having a good year and this is due to a hard working few. One of the most prominent is Ray Nickerson, who is also secretary of the Senior Supporters' Club. Keep up the good work, Ray.

IT would appear that Kurri trainer John Munro just cannot get away from the dogs. If he is not treating greyhounds, he is flat out looking after "Bulldogs". John does a great job for the boys and carried out a very unenviable job on the sideline last Saturday when called upon to do so.

STILL going strong and a tireless worker for North Committee is Neil 'Snowy' Hancock Snr., one of the original tin-shed boys from Maryville.

ONE of Waratah's top prospects is reserve grade second rower Lindsay Rowsell. Keep your eyes on this boy. He has a long way to go but he could finish up another Roger Lavis.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kurri Kurri Under 18 boys, Peter Brady, Alan Earl and Jeff Masterman on their selection in the Newcastle Junior Representative side to play in Country championships. Good effort boys, you have given the "Bulldogs" a big double by being the second Kurri trio to represent Newcastle this year.

PROMOTED to Maitland's first grade ranks today is Ron Clarke. Ron is a player of many season's experience and we can all rest assured of him playing an excellent game.

CONGRATULATIONS to Central for three very good wins over Macquarie on Sunday, but look out in the second round. We hope to turn the tables in all three grades.

TOP MARKS to the Kurri "Bulldog" 13 for their fine win against Cessnock. A mighty effort fellas, 8 tries against Cessnock on their own paddock will have some of the critics (who reckon we were a spent force) biting their tongues. Keep them at it J.R.

AFTER such a fine game last week, Tony Bull, Waratah prop forward, showed that it is going to take a very talented player to shift him from the position. A very fine ball distributor and a great defender, adds up to one pretty good player.

PETER PERKINS, West first grade winger, has once again proved his class and he has been included in the senior team after only one game in the reserve grade. With Peter or "Polly" as he is affectionately known to his admirers, back on the wing, the attack looks very ominous and providing he gets the opportunities tries will eventuate.

LAKES UNITED forward John Howard, makes his first grade debut this weekend. Perseverance and a will to succeed have driven John from a reserve for thirds a couple of seasons back to being selected to play first grade for his club. Good work John.

ALTHOUGH he started late in the season with Maitland, Steve Dennis has played his way into a probable permanent position in grade, and with a bit of experience could see him go to a higher grade.

WEST centre Greg Owens, had a great match last Sunday against South and his scoring potential was realised with him scoring three tries. Greg has also been named as the captain of the Newcastle Under 18 years team that will play in the Country Championships at Gosford on June 15 and 16. Congratulations Greg, and all the best from all at West.

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PROVING a great drawcard is new "Goanna" Peter Samuels. The likeable centre originally came from Bourke and is most popular with team mates and fans alike.

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KURRI'S quiet unassuming prop, David White, had a big game against his old club last Saturday and appears to be getting into top gear. Bigger things ahead for this young prop.

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WEST first grade lock Peter Howlett is back again after injury and no doubt he will be keen to impress the selectors for the all important Newcastle-Great Britain fixture later in the season. The way he played in the Country-City game really impressed many keen critics that witnessed the game.

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COACH Russ Devonshire is most pleased with the way North first grade team is playing and although beaten narrowly in recent games, they only need an ounce of luck to return to the winning scene.

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YET another Lakes United youngster is noticed on the improve each game in Allan Nickalls. Allan, a centre in reserve grade, has size, pace and can tackle.

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GOOD to see Danny Tearle return to North third grade side after a lengthy spell on the sidelines following an injury in trials at Gloucester.

TWO new committee men of the Kurri Club this year who are not a bit work shy are Ashley McCulloch and Bill (Buck) Irving. Both men are always willing and able and a worthy acquisition to the club.

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A BIG second half for Waratah's Steve McCarney last week was a tonic for his many supporters. Big Steve is only a youngster in years, but he has quickly matured into one of the best prospects the club has had in years.

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LAKES UNITED captain this week, Ron Burgess, is no stranger to the job. Ron captained Lakes in 1972 when he won the player of the year award. 1974 sees Ron at the top of the list in points for the same award.

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MERV WRIGHT, today in the second row with Maitland, will not be playing in a foreign position as he has filled in for the club in the forwards before.

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KARL HUTCHINSON, West first grade front row forward, will be a key player in his team's bid to down Maitland, no doubt in doing so the "Rosellas" will get a great deal of satisfaction as the "Pumpkin Pickers" are always a tough nut to crack and today's game should prove to be no exception.

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JUST back from a tour of Tasmania is "Goanna" treasurer, Keith Lucas. The "money man" included Wrest Point Casino in his travels and reported a slight profit. Good to have you back, Luke.

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PLAYING a real captain's game last week was Central's Keith Maddison. He led his team in fine style in the appalling conditions to topple the competition leaders.

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INTER. SPORTS CENTRE—3 p.m.

Sunday, June 2, 1974

Central-Charlestown v. Northern Suburbs

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops (Coach: K. Maddison)

Fullback:

1—K. Szadnanoff

Three-quarters:

2—S. Piper A. McHugh—3

4—J. Szadnanoff K. Temmerup—5

Halves:

6—M. Boland S. Cotton—7

Forwards:

8—G. Dagwell P. Eulo—9

10—K. Maddison P. Donehue—11

12—T. Prince D. Nichols—13

Referee: J. Smith

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue Sky Blue Bars (Coach: R. Devonshire)

Fullback:

1—J. Mullard

Three-quarters:

2—R. Tunney D. Steele—3

4—S. Dann G. Mason—5

Halves:

6—J. Campbell R. Andrews—7

Forwards:

8—P. Gilfeather P. Newton—9

10—B. Russell E. Russell—11

12—J. Nyland R. Devonshire—13

Linesmen: C. Sheather (Blue), G. Benson (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops

Fullback:

1—R. Cronin

Three-quarters:

2—D. Fitzgerald K. Powell—3

4—T. McGregor W. Hodge—5

Halves:

6—S. Morris R. Fuller—7

Forwards:

8—D. Davey P. Cox—9

10—W. Kirk R. McBain—11

12—A. Jones D. Maddison—13

Referee: B. Schofield

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Fullback:

1—B. Bussell

Three-quarters:

2—R. Warren K. Sweetman—3

4—G. Harrison T. Price—5

Halves:

6—S. Deran K. Wilson—7

Forwards:

8—C. Strutt A. Lobley—9

10—G. Briggs P. Bowhay—11

12—E. Williamson C. Newton—13

Linesmen: D. Malone (Blue), W. Milton (Red)



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THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

WARATAH-MAYFIELD

Gold, Maroon V

1—B. Thompson

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| 2—P. Devine | K. Wilson—3 |
| 4—B. Mathews | B. Hughes—5 |
| 6—B. Davis | T. Thompson—7 |
| 8—B. Maloney | R. Edser—9 |
| 10—G. Mannix | G. Hollie—11 |
| 12—M. Cummings | G. Hoppie—13 |

Referee: R. Keys

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—T. Yates

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 2—W. Davey | T. Connolly—3 |
| 4—G. Banister | T. Lannigan—5 |
| 6—L. Walls | G. Kilmurray—7 |
| 8—W. Mowatt | A. Thompson—9 |
| 10—G. Hindmarsh | P. Clark—11 |
| 12—G. Knipe | B. Peek—13 |

Linesmen: B. Mate (Blue), R. Gottery (Red)

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—K. Cousins

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|----------------|--------------|
| 2—G. Preston | M. Lawler—3 |
| 4—M. Quinn | S. Shone—5 |
| 6—K. Thomas | C. Lawler—7 |
| 8—J. Callaghan | N. Sweeney—9 |
| 10—S. Dennis | J. Cook—11 |
| 12—G. Chandler | B. Hall—13 |

Referee: R. Reid

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—C. Johns

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 2—V. Cronin | M. Slater—3 |
| 4—R. Christie | N. Freund—5 |
| 6—P. Anderson | R. Darcy—7 |
| 8—G. Hamilton | K. Campbell—9 |
| 10—R. Dean | G. Broadhead—11 |
| 12—J. Arthur | P. O'Brien—13 |

Linesmen: R. Cadogan (Blue), R. Milton (Red)

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—T. McNaughton

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|---------------|----------------|
| 2—W. Smith | P. Watsford—3 |
| 4—J. Lullham | K. Ticehurst—5 |
| 6—J. Laut | B. Walton—7 |
| 8—C. Hartney | G. Scott—9 |
| 10—A. Hodgson | M. Brennan—11 |
| 12—R. Cleaver | T. Anthony—13 |

Referee: J. Everett

Linesmen: W. Hardy (Blue), L. Vanderclay (Red)

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, Blue Shorts

1—R. Smith

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|------------------|----------------|
| 2—J. Canning | N. Gaudion—3 |
| 4—J. Bickerstaff | R. Nash—5 |
| 6—R. Bell | N. Hincks—7 |
| 8—P. Cowling | P. McCluskey—9 |
| 10—W. Cooper | P. Ramplin—11 |
| 12—M. Ramplin | P. Murray—13 |

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold, White Shorts

1—C. Roberts

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2—R. Lanigan | R. Fowell—3 |
| 4—M. Conway | S. Morrow—5 |
| 6—R. Ryan | B. Heaton—7 |
| 8—P. Christiansen | D. O'Neill—9 |
| 10—G. Thompson | J. Findlater—11 |
| 12—G. Howell | G. Bunn—13 |

Referee: D. Bolewski

Linesmen: J. Leonard (Blue), K. Bilton (Red)

KURRI KURRI

Royal Blue, Red and White V

1—J. Flanagan

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 2—I. Brown | D. Rowse—3 |
| 4—G. Cairns | T. Anderson—5 |
| 6—K. Bryan | N. Stoker—7 |
| 8—W. Cardow | D. Booker—9 |
| 10—T. Counsell | P. Hindmarsh—11 |
| 12—B. Hampton | B. Liddeil—13 |

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops

1—G. Cooper

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 2—J. Shoebridge | W. House—3 |
| 4—A. Young | H. Small—5 |
| 6—K. Allars | W. Hancock—7 |
| 8—G. Sedden | S. Poulton—9 |
| 10—R. Nunn | L. Ireland—11 |
| 12—B. Leary | N. Hughes—13 |

Referee: C. Russell

Linesmen: D. Malone (Blue), W. Milton (Red)

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—G. Curtis

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|--------------|---------------|
| 2—P. Upton | M. Hesketh—3 |
| 4—C. Cox | J. McCarter—5 |
| 6—R. Toby | R. Davies—7 |
| 8—D. Kay | R. Davis—9 |
| 10—D. Tearle | R. Johnson—11 |
| 12—J. Davey | J. Dubyk—13 |

NEWCASTLE PREMIERSHIP

First Grade

CESSNOCK 12 (D. Moore 2, K. Morris, R. Mullard tries) d WARATAH-MAYFIELD 10 (P. Love, S. Robinson tries; R. Munro 2 goals).

KURRI KURRI 20 (J. Roach 2, W. Scotman, P. Carr tries; N. Bagnall 3, Carr goals) d MACQUARIE UNITED 18 (O. Prattl, P. Jaques, B. Landi, R. Johnson tries; S. Langsford 3 goals).

WESTERN SUBURBS 19 (G. Owens, K. Hemsworth, G. Cook tries; Hemsworth 4 goals, Cook, D. Ward field goals) d MAITLAND 15 (M. Bickley, M. Wright, G. Rollinson tries; J. Carmody Wright, T. Kellett goals).

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 8 (D. Rowe, M. Witcom tries; J. Anderson goal) d LAKES UNITED 6 (J. Brock, R. Burgess tries).

NORTHERN SUBURBS 2 (J. Mullard goal) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 0.

RESERVE GRADE: Cessnock 10 d Waratah-Mayfield 8; Macquarie United 10 d Kurri Kurri 9; Maitland 17 d Western Suburbs 15; Lakes United 7 d South Newcastle 2; Northern Suburbs 12 d Central Charlestown 7.

THIRD GRADE: Cessnock 8 d Waratah-Mayfield 2; Macquarie United 14 d Kurri Kurri 4; Maitland 8 d Western Suburbs 4; Lakes United 13 d South Newcastle 3; Central Charlestown 11 d Northern Suburbs 3.