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NEWS FROM CLUBS

BAD luck for Pat Neylan who broke his jaw in three places against Lakes, he had consolidated his position in first grade. Randal Christie gets his opportunity in the top grade this week.

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NORTH'S first grade captain, Kel Sweetman and vice-captain Denis Nichols, tried very hard throughout last weekend's fixture. Both these players were back to the strong form they displayed so consistently last season.

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KURRI Rugby League Injured Players' Fund Lucky No. 3118 was won by G. Harrison of Central Charlestown Club.

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WELCOME to Alan Bailey, good to see the old stalwart once again in the Kurri team.

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INCLUDED in Maitland third grade today is a player from our juniors by the name of Roger Cooper, who, last year was a top player at the Boys' High School and is assured of a bright future in League.

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MAITLAND'S Phil Healey last Saturday turned in an outstanding game and a continuation of that form could see him in Seniors.

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YET another youngster looking for a chance and getting it in Waratah is Ken Wright. Ken was out of football last year, but if this player doesn't get to the top before the end of the season, then we'll believe Alwyn Walters is shouting for everyone.

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LAKES UNITED are pleased with the decision of Hector Bolte to play football again this year. Hector had made up his mind to retire but the good form shown in his last two games suggest that this would have been detrimental to the club and football in general.

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LES JONES has had a shaky start to the season but his form as fullback with Lakes United last week was enough to show his class. Now that injuries have left him, fans will see the real Les Jones.

MARK WITCOM and Neil Skelton both had very strong games for North against Cessnock last week. Both of these players are expected to test the Macquarie defence this weekend.

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STEVE FARQUHAR showed just how versatile he is when he played lock last weekend. His cover defence and strong intelligent running had Cessnock in trouble several times during the match.

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GOOD to see former Central first grade utility player Jim McMurtrie back in action. Jim played reserve grade against Wests and acquitted himself very well.

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ANOTHER to achieve the magic 100 club games was the Cessnock fullback, Peter Turnbull. After a late start this year, Peter is now producing his top form and is pushing for higher honours. Two goals and a try celebrated his 101st game.

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A NEW player with Maitland is Greg Walters who came to us from the Juniors and has by his performances earned a regular reserve grade position.

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A GREAT hat trick was scored by Cessnock Reserve grade winger, Robert Austin. This former junior star brings the crowd to its feet every time he handles. Son of a former Cessnock player, Bernie, this lad is a definite star of the future.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Stephen Buffier, Kurri hooker, on having such a fine game in his first initial game in first grade.

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THE Bradley twins, Colin and Gordon and Ken Morris are noticeable absentees this afternoon from Cessnock teams. Colin is to be married and the other two will participate in the ceremony. Best wishes from the "Goanna" camp to "Troll" and his wife.

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CENTRAL second row forward P. Eulo had another big game against the Western boys. His tackling was faultless.

IF you were at Maitland last week, you must have seen the fantastic defence of young Waratah centre, Peter Lawrence. Peter is one of those players who says little off the field, but when he goes into action he has purpose written all over him. On form, he must be one of the top centres in the game at present.

IT'S only a matter of time before Dennis Day from Waratah moves into a higher spot in the side than third grade. A couple of seasons ago this player played Country Week, and for those fans that knew him when he last played with the 'Tahs, it's a much slimmer, fitter and keener Dennis Day this time up.

IN Maitland's seniors today we have Joe Radnidge. Although Joe is playing in a new position we all at Maitland know he will give a good account of himself.

THERE is an old saying "He's there to stay" and if current form means anything one can wager, that Waratah winger Terry Sergeant is going to play a lot more first grade games. Over the last couple of seasons it's doubtful if Terry has made one mistake in his position and above all, he likes it better when there is plenty of fire in the game.

LAKES UNITED thank Ollie Renfrew for helping out with solid displays in first grade when required. Ollie coaches the reserves and would prefer to play with his side but is such a good clubman assists where he is required at any time.

WAYNE HODGE is back in first grade, playing centre with Central and doing a very capable job.

FULLBACK with Maitland today is John Carmody who is no stranger to this position having played in this position with Sydney University before joining us.

STEVE LAWSON, West third grade second row forward, keeps playing with great purpose. Time and time again, he split the rugged defence of Central Charlestown third grade team last Sunday. It is players like Steve that keep a club going and his devotion to West is clearly evident in his play.

DES KIMMORLEY, West first grade centre threequarter is currently showing his best form since joining "The Rosellas". This talented player has that touch of class that is evident in his play each week. His main attribute in his defence, surely there is no better defensive centre in the Newcastle competition.

MAITLAND Club congratulates Ross McKinnon and Cathy Ellis who recently announced their engagement.

PETER PERKINS, West reserve grade winger, is showing great dash as was witnessed during last Sunday's game against Central Charlestown. The try that he scored, mainly because of his own initiative, put his team on the way to ultimate victory and it is play like this that makes him a valuable player under any circumstances.

TONY TARNAWSKI, winger in North's third grade team, suffered a broken collarbone last week adding further to the huge injured list of North players. Players and supporters wish Tony a very speedy recovery.

PETER WALLS, West third grade hooker, proved equal to the task when he went on as a replacement in West reserve grade. Besides giving his team an equal amount of ball from the set scrums he more than did his share of work in the heavy work which marked this fiery clash between both teams.

CONGRATULATIONS to Macquarie player Kevin Tommerup on turning 21 this Saturday, let's hope he celebrates with 21 points on Sunday.

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TORONTO OVAL—3 p.m.

Sunday, June 4, 1972

Macquarie United v. Northern Suburbs

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

Full-back
1—R. Wrightson
Three-quarters
2—C. Buchanan B. Holland—3
4—K. Pommerup S. Morrow—5
Halves
6—R. Cooper B. Landi—7
Forwards
8—A. Drew R. Christie—9
10—J. Bainbridge Jaques/Nicholls—11
12—B. Heaton J. Mitchell—13

Referee: W. Humphries

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back
1—W. Scotman
Three-quarters
2—J. Karnaghan K. Sweetman—3
4—M. Witcom G. Curtis—5
Halves
6—N. Skelton R. Andrews—7
Forwards
8—S. Farquhar P. Cox—9
10—R. Crooks B. Russell—11
12—A. Jones D. Nichols—13

Linesmen: G. Benson (Blue), L. Maughan (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

Full-back
1—D. Thompson
Three-quarters
2—B. Besley W. Solomons—3
4—R. Carr C. Roberts—5
Halves
6—A. Asquith K. Ryan—7
Forwards
8—I. Mullard K. Hopley—9
10—D. O'Neill P. Shields—11
12—G. Heaton J. Findlater—13

Referee: K. Barwick

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back
1—R. Mayo
Three-quarters
2—T. Price P. Watsford—3
4—A. Lobley K. Grainger—5
Halves
6—V. Watsford R. Davis—7
Forwards
8—D. Davey E. Russell—9
10—R. Davis J. Brugnani—11
12—D. Cassidy K. Byers—13

Linesmen: J. Thornton (Blue), J. Longbottom (Red)

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THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

WARATAH

Gold, Maroon V

1—B. Pope

2—G. Hicks	D. Martin—3
4—R. Redman	J. Cook—5
6—D. Brophy	J. Toohey—7
8—G. Curry	B. Judd—9
10—W. Dawson	K. Wright—11
12—T. Henshaw	T. Anthony—13

Referee: D. Crich

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—R. Johnston

2—G. Cox	G. Banister—3
4—R. Fowler	B. Lidlury—5
6—P. Mitchell	K. Whitton—7
8—W. Mowatt	R. Thomas—9
10—G. Reay	R. McWilliams—11
12—F. Nicholson	B. Peek—13

Linesmen: W. Hardy (Blue), B. Godden (Red)

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—K. Cousins

2—R. Cooper	G. Harley—3
4—D. Andrews	G. Millett—5
6—W. Gleeson	G. Rollinson—7
8—L. Moffat	J. Saxby—9
10—G. Grainger	G. Marguet—11
12—E. Spender	K. Bolton—13

Referee: R. Paton

KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

1—P. Johns

2—G. Cairns	B. Metcalfe—3
4—M. Hargraves	L. O'Brien—5
6—Gladman/Johns	P. Perkins—7
8—N. Moffatt	S. Dunker—9
10—K. Johns	A. Bailey—11
12—B. Hampton	J. Moore—13

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

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—T. McNaughton

2—N. Hugo	R. Vinnell—3
4—G. Nicol	S. Hassett—5
6—N. Morgan	B. Walton—7
8—J. Murdoch	M. Davis—9
10—N. Scobie	G. Graham—11
12—M. Maynard	T. Scotman—13

Referee: R. Reid

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—B. Warby

2—G. White	C. Pritchard—3
4—A. Wallis	C. John—5
6—M. McDermott	L. Dagwell—7
8—K. Campbell	R. Dean—9
10—S. Lawson	A. Drury—11
12—P. Walls	G. Broadhead—13

Linesmen: T. Mowbray (Blue), W. Milton (Red)

CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN

(Blue and White Hoops)

1—P. Carroll

2—R. Bailey	G. Harrison—3
4—V. Morrison	R. Turnbull—5
6—G. Marshall	J. Davidson—7
8—S. Clinton	B. Fairclough—9
10—J. Gardiner	T. Bull—11
12—G. Long	J. Luxford—13

Referee: R. Brownlee

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, Black Shorts

1—A. Corrigan

2—J. Canning	J. Shoebridge—3
4—H. Small	J. Howard—5
6—M. Walker	M. Smith—7
8—A. King	W. Izzard—9
10—R. Grieve	L. James—11
12—B. Mathews	A. Johnston—13

Linesmen: R. Milton (Blue), J. Leonard (Red)

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—J. Lulham

2—R. Fowle	P. Christiansen—3
4—N. Thompson	W. Ping—5
6—J. Roberts	P. Callen—7
8—R. Stephenson	B. Robinson—9
10—P. Hunt	P. Burgess—11
12—D. Timms	R. McDonald—13

Referee: D.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—D. Lowe

2—J. Wood	D. Steele—3
4—R. Owen	T. Fankner—5
6—R. Tohy	G. Elhoff—7
8—D. Maddison	P. Beeson—9
10—R. Benson	D. Tearle—11
12—B. Williamson	J. Flaherty—13

Linesmen: J. Thornton (Blue), J. Longbottom (Red)