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MARLBORO COUNTRY



NEWS FROM CLUBS

CENTRAL reserves are a first four contestant. Good luck boys, not since 1949 have Central shared the spoils, this maybe it.

GIVING good service to Macquarie United are W. Conway, W. Gleeson and J. Roberts.

KURRI's lock Keith Callan, is playing very good football scoring points in every award last week. Keep it up Keith.

ONE of Lakes' most outstanding and longest playing players looks like hanging his boots up at the end of the season. John Brock we hope not, as you have been a great player for the "Seagulls". Just one more season???

THE Kurri Club welcomes their new player Jim McMullen from North Sydney. He has been in reserves and standing by for first grade.

SHOULD any "Pumpkin Picker" supporters be interested in the trip in September to Maryborough, please contact Warren Brandt.

TODAY sees Greg Grainger in reserve grade with the "Pumpkin Pickers". Greg had a late start in the game due to injury but is now in top form and scoring well in the awards.

DENNIS WARD, West brilliant scrum half and Captain-coach, returns to his team today fully aware that this period prior to the semi finals is most important. Besides maintaining a winning run, teamwork and peak fitness has to be maintained. In this West followers wish Dennis all the best.

AN interesting selection in West third grade is Peter "Cherm" Holmes, a former West first grade winger. Rumour has it that he is in "the pink" as far as condition is concerned. Best of luck Pete, from all the "old gang" at West.

BACK in first grade vs the 'Tahs, Dennis Ives seldom off the ball, a good game from a "dyed-in-the-wool" Central bloke.

NORTH'S third grade win over the strong West line-up last week was a classic example of good team work and sheer determination. Every player in the team is determined to reach the semis and with a little luck should do so.

NEIL SCOBIE made a great debut in South's first grade side against Cessnock last Sunday. He was put to the test by some of the "Goanna" forwards but he came through with flying colours. This promising young player should soon be a regular top grade player.

DARREL "Smokey" LOWE, North's third grade fullback is a player who has rarely failed to score 100 points a season. This year he has notched 77 points in third grade and if he continues to score as he has in the past few weeks he seems certain to notch his century for this year.

PETER LAWRENCE, Waratah lock, missed his first competition game in three years last week. Even then he could have played if needed. Peter is one of those players who come up with a good game every week yet never seems to win an award. However, he won a beauty from Cappers last year and could repeat the dose again this year.

A FORMER South player, Barry Lawrence, is one of those clubmen that everyone should be proud of. After a great career with South's—over 200 first grade games—he is now an active member of the committee and has also coached the South's Under 19 side to minor premiership honours. Congratulations Barry.

KURRI officials and supporters are sorry to see such a fine sportsman and clubman as Terry Counsell hang up his boots. He is still coaching 3rd grade and doing a good job. We thank you very sincerely for the effort you put in while playing Terry.

JIMMY CAMPBELL is starting to show better form for Lakes. A very creditable player, it is good to see him coming back up to his best.

THERE have been many amazing footballers over the years in Waratah, but none it is felt ever come up to Roy Eastwood. A couple of years ago he was considered lucky to ever walk properly again, let alone play football, but there was Roy out there in third grade last week and he slayed them. Roy was considered probably the best of all the English players who came to Waratah and if last week's form was any criticism then it was probably very close to the truth.

VERY lazy, but tons of potential. That's the story of Waratah forward Phil McCarney. Possessed with loads of talent but often too lazy to show it, he has at last got the message with the result he is bound to reach a higher grade. Big and tough he has everything in his kit to become even a first grade prop.

AFTER playing a full game in reserve grade, Maitland's Ray Hardy saddled up for the seniors and showed his ability by scoring a good try.

ROGER McDONNELL, out through injuries early in the season, is back playing as good as ever for Lakes and well timed too, as Lakes are rather short of front row forwards.

KEITH "Prince Valiant" HEMSWORTH is enjoying a great season, his trusty boot piloting many goals. However the way he takes his turn in running out the ball in a tight spot has endeared him to all, this allied to taking the ball under pressure and solid defence makes him a beauty for his team.

TWO hard working people in the Northern Suburbs camp are club trainers Alf Maddison and Jim Price. The work carried out by both Alf and Jim is very much appreciated by all players.

WINNER of South Supporters' Award last week was Mark M.D. Maynard. A great goer, this young hooker always gives a sound effort both in scrummaging and general play.

CENTRAL'S young flankman Mark Conway, 17 years of age, played a veteran's game against the 'Tahs, first time up in the top grade.

MACQUARIE UNITED first annual Green and Gold Ball will be held at Wangi R.S.L. Club on Saturday, September 8. Excellent supper. Tickets are on sale now and only a limited number will be sold. Purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

IF you ever see a fellow putting up and taking down "Goanna" signs at various grounds, you can bet that it's none other than Secretary Phil Baird. A most enthusiastic worker, Phil is the type that leads by example and the Nocks are greatly appreciative.

MAKING a great comeback is "Goanna" John Murray. Last weekend John showed such form against his old club, South, that the senior centres had to turn in great displays. Keep it up Johnny and your turn will come.

SOME players are like wine— they improve with age. Brian Slade, once a "Dragon" but a "Goanna" for ever more now, is in this category. He won many plaudits against South last week and his fans reckon there's plenty more good games left in the rangy centre yet.

WEST centre in reserves, Mike McDermott, is enjoying his best season since coming to the club from Macquarie. So much so, many consider he should be still in the seniors—maintain your high standard in play.

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WICKHAM OVAL—3 p.m.

Sunday, July 22, 1973

Northern Suburbs v. Cessnock

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back

1—R. Andrews

Three-quarters

2—R. Warren

4—M. Witcom

6—N. Skelton

8—A. Lobley

10—K. Sweetman

12—J. Nyland

Halves

Forwards

S. Doran—3

V. Watsford—5

R. Davis—7

P. Beetson—9

J. Niszczot—11

D. Nichols—13

2—R. Sneesby

4—M. Goldman

6—G. Boyd

8—G. Johns

10—J. Scott

12—R. Thomson

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

Full-back

1—J. Batey

Three-quarters

B. Slade—3

B. Jensen—5

L. Hannah—7

D. Clark—9

G. Simpson—11

D. White—13

Halves

Forwards

Referee: K. Marker

Linesmen: L. Maughan (Blue), R. McLaren (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back

1—J. Pickering

Three-quarters

2—J. Smith

4—T. Price

6—J. Davey

8—G. Curtis

10—M. Richards

12—B. Williamson

Halves

Forwards

L. Plimmer—3

G. Jordan—5

J. Gibson—7

R. Benson—9

P. Bowhay—11

P. Dennis—13

2—R. Austin

4—J. Murray

6—G. Bradley

8—B. Bates

10—L. Clifton

12—G. Knipe

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

Full-back

1—C. Bradley

Three-quarters

J. Dever—3

G. Banister—5

G. Kelly—7

W. Mitchell—9

F. Lennard—11

W. Jobson—13

Halves

Forwards

Referee: B. Schofield

Linesmen: W. Hardy (Blue), S. Delforce (Red)

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THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—D. Andrews

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|---------------|---------------|
| 2—R. Cameron | R. Hunt—3 |
| 4—R. McKinnon | J. Cooper—5 |
| 6—W. Medcalf | P. Williams—7 |
| 8—P. Illfield | L. Scott—9 |
| 10—J. Duma | R. Clarke—11 |
| 12—R. Picken | B. Hall—13 |

Referee: R. Keys

WARATAH

Gold, Maroon V

1—J. Lawrence

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|--------------------|----------------|
| 2—G. Curry | C. Sessions—3 |
| 4—R. Carroll | B. Pallister—5 |
| 6—G. Hollingsworth | J. Darby—7 |
| 8—B. Alford | B. Atkinson—9 |
| 10—G. Mannix | G. Coughlin—11 |
| 12—B. Land | P. McCarney—13 |

Linesmen: J. Walker (Blue), N. Digby (Red)

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops

1—J. Sansom

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2—R. Bailey | J. Shoebridge—3 |
| 4—W. Hodge | J. Marshall—5 |
| 6—J. Pigford | D. Poulton—7 |
| 8—R. Robinson | S. Poulton—9 |
| 10—G. Levick | R. MacBain—11 |
| 12—T. Trow/G. Long | W. Donaldson—13 |

Referee: N. Scotman

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—G. Harvey

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 2—R. Vitnell | G. Marshall—3 |
| 4—L. Edmonds | P. Hodges—5 |
| 6—N. Morgan | G. Noble—7 |
| 8—S. Bailey | M. Crabtree—9 |
| 10—T. Blackmore | W. Gardiner—11 |
| 12—K. Byers | J. Blyton—13 |

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

KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

1—P. Gladman

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 2—I. Brown | G. Cairns—3 |
| 4—G. Bates | T. Anderson—5 |
| 6—D. Johns | S. Blain—7 |
| 8—W. Penfold | P. Sattler—9 |
| 10—K. Templeton | I. Ellis—11 |
| 12—J. Irving | N. Fox—13 |

Referee: R. Reid

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—C. John

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|----------------|----------------|
| 2—P. Holmes | R. Dunstan—3 |
| 4—G. Steel | G. White—5 |
| 6—K. Smith | R. Christie—7 |
| 8—P. Marzato | K. Campbell—9 |
| 10—G. Smith | G. Whitmore—11 |
| 12—S. Paradisi | W. Loades—13 |

Linesmen: R. Gottery (Blue), R. Waish (Red)

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—D. Lowe

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|---------------|----------------|
| 2—T. Mitchell | M. Hesketh—3 |
| 4—D. Steele | J. Wood—5 |
| 6—R. Toby | K. Gilchrist—7 |
| 8—A. Wasley | D. Maddison—9 |
| 10—J. Gill | V. Murphy—11 |
| 12—J. Nyland | D. Tearle—13 |

Referee: D. Bolewski

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—P. Turnbull

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|------------------|---------------|
| 2—B. Sharp | J. Phillips—3 |
| 4—T. Conolly | P. Bender—5 |
| 6—O. Taylor | K. Morris—7 |
| 8—R. Mullard | G. Reay—9 |
| 10—R. McWilliams | D. Burgess—11 |
| 12—G. Goodwin | B. Peek—13 |

Linesmen: W. Hardy (Blue), S. Delforce (Red)

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—T. Timms

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|----------------|----------------|
| 2—G. Simpson | C. Roberts—3 |
| 4—G. Wray | M. Clary—5 |
| 6—J. Roberts | B. Heaton—7 |
| 8—K. Tommerup | G. Howell—9 |
| 10—B. Robinson | R. Christie—11 |
| 12—D. Timms | P. Hunt—13 |

Referee: W. Morgan

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, Black Shorts

1—A. King

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|----------------|------------------|
| 2—R. Nash | T. Lorrimer—3 |
| 4—G. Geagler | J. Howard—5 |
| 6—T. Cheers | N. Hincks—7 |
| 8—P. Newton | B. Clifton—9 |
| 10—W. Johnston | G. Heaney—11 |
| 12—S. Sukier | R. Devonshire—13 |

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

First Grade

CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 25 (J. Sazdanoff, S. Cotton, M. Conway, P. Eulo, T. McGregor tries; K. Powell 5 goals) d SOUTH NEWCASTLE 10 (J. Anderson, G. Banks tries; Anderson 2 goals).

KURRI KURRI 26 (J. Roach, A. Williams, J. Mitchell, I. O'Brien tries; N. Bagnall 7 goals) d WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (K. Hemsworth goal).

MAITLAND 29 (R. Wawszkiewicz 2, G. Druery 2, K. Shine, M. Bickley, L. Drew tries; Shine 4 goals) d WARATAH-MAYFIELD 15 (R. Wise, K. Lantry, R. Munro tries; Munro 3 goals).

LAKES UNITED 33 (R. Crawford 2, P. Cowling, L. Jones, N. McDonnell, E. White, G. Golden tries; Jones 5, R. Burgess goals) d MACQUARIE UNITED 20 (B. Holland 2, W. Conway, K. Wright tries; W. Solomon 4 goals).

CESSNOCK 18 (M. Goldman, G. Boyd, B. Jensen, D. Clark tries; L. Hannah 3 goals) d NORTHERN SUBURBS 13 (S. Doran 2, D. Cassidy tries; Doran 2 goals).

RESERVE GRADE: Central Charlestown 24 d South Newcastle 13; Kurri Kurri 18 d Western Suburbs 17; Maitland 34 d Waratah-Mayfield 17; Macquarie United 19 d Lakes United 18; Northern Suburbs 17 d Cessnock 13.

THIRD GRADE: South Newcastle 25 d Central Charlestown 3; Western Suburbs 41 d Kurri Kurri 2; Maitland 18 d Waratah-Mayfield 11; Macquarie United 13 d Lakes United 5; Cessnock 23 d Northern Suburbs 16.