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# Looking at League

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## "RIGHT DOWN TO THE WIRE!"

Some weeks ago it was predicted that the composition of the final five would not be known until the last competition round was completed. And so it is! At this stage, three teams are safe — Souths, Lakes and Central.

The results of two matches this week will immediately clarify the five or cause a play off for fifth spot. Such a play off will be on Tuesday night if necessary.

And so to the two games that hold the key. Cessnock are at home to Lakes and must win to keep fifth place. A loss could force a play off or mean that the Goannas miss out for the 1988 finals season.

The home ground advantage, determination, a lift in performance by the whole side could just provide the answer Michael Schofield's boys are looking for. Lakes are in good form, have charged to second spot.

I have the sniff of another premiership about them. The clash should be one of the top games of 1988.

Maitland are at home to Macquarie, the loser is gone, the winner may still have a chance. Both sides have promised much during the season, have played great football on occasions but just haven't been consistent enough. Macquarie's two draws and shock loss to Waratah certainly hasn't helped them. Another four points now would have been just what the doctor ordered. But that is old hat.

Maitland have also let points slip away that would be handy. After the 14th straight loss to Kurri at Kurri, the Pumpkin Pickers have come back well and at home could steal this game, and fifth spot.

Of course Wests could be in bother at Kurri. The Bulldogs have given every side they have played at home an enormous fright and there is no reason to think it is going to change this week. The Rosellas, however, are a good side and should hold the home side at bay just long enough to take the points.

South, minor premiers for the second year in a row, should win comfortably at home against Waratah

and Central will find their task easy against Norths. The Bluebags, soon to become "Marlins", however will want to give of their best in this their last game as North Newcastle and will provide some spirited opposition.

A great competition is now leading up to a great finals series, with the culmination, the Grand Final at the ISC on August 21st.

## NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

### 5th Place Play-off (if required):

Tuesday, 26th July

### Elimination Semi-final

Team 4 v Team 5

### Qualifying Semi-final:

Team 2 v Team 3

These semi-finals will be played on Friday night 29th July and Saturday afternoon 30th July.

Venues and exact playing date will be known after this weekend's fixtures and will be well advertised in the media.

## FINALS SERIES

### Minor Semi-final:

Saturday, 6th August (at a venue to be decided).

### Major Semi-final:

Sunday, 7th August (at a venue to be decided).

### Preliminary Final:

Saturday, 13th August (at a venue to be decided).

### Grand Final:

Sunday, 21st August, at the International Sports Centre.

## 2HD Player of the Year

The "Player of the Year" competition for the 1988 Premiership is being sponsored again by Radio 2HD. Points are awarded out of 10 for the performance of three players in each game. For the remaining four rounds of the competition, the weekly points will not be published. The result of the competition will be finalised at the Newcastle Rugby League's Presentation Night on 31st August at West Leagues Club.

Leaders at the end of Series 14 were:

### Progress Points:

- 50—J. Hunter (Cess)
- 49—T. Stevenson (Mac)
- 45—T. Price (WS)
- 39—P. Williams (KK), T. Vaughan (Sth)
- 37—M. Sullivan (Mac)
- 28—T. Donaldson (Sth), M. Burrows (Mait)
- 27—G. Eager (Mait)
- 25—P. Atkins (WS)
- 23—W. Snowden (Cent)

## NEWCASTLE RUGBY LEAGUE

## PRESENTATION NIGHT

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# NEWCASTLE RUGBY LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

Saturday, July 23—2.45 p.m.

St. John Field

## Central Charlestown

Blue and white

Coach: Greg Owens



### SCRUMS

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18

### PENALTIES

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18

- 1—KEVIN BARNIER
- 2—CRAIG HAMMOND
- 3—DAVID NEWTON
- 4—WARD SNOWDEN 126
- 5—PAUL McKENZIE
- EDWARD SMITH
- 7—STEVE FITZSIMMONS
- 8—PETER SNOWDEN
- 9—WARREN SCHILLINGS (c)
- 10—BRAD RYAN
- 11—ANTHONY McDONELL
- 12—CRAIG NEALON
- 13—STEVE CHERRY

Referee: P. Riddell

## North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

Coach: Ziggy Niszczot



### SCRUMS

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### PENALTIES

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- 1—IAN LUCIETTO
- 2—MARK WHEATLEY
- 3—DARREN KIRKLAND
- 4—STEVE RIDGEWAY
- 5—PETER SULLIVAN
- 6—DARRYL MAXWELL
- 7—TERRY DENT
- 8—JERRY MAULA
- 9—PETER WILLIAMS
- 10—DAVID STANFORD
- 11—BRUCE EDDON
- 12—RAY KEIGHTLEY
- 13—BRETT DANN

Touch Judges: W. Ross (Blue), V. Wyborn (Red)

## RESERVE GRADE — 1.10 p.m.

### CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN

Coach: Doug Gall

1—Glen MARSH

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 2—Lee KLIIOUSIS | Chris CROESE—3          |
| 4—Craig PURNELL | Leon HAMMOND—5          |
| 6—Ron HAMMOND   | Craig HIBBERD—7         |
| 8—Kelly KING    | Philip SMIT (c)—9       |
| 10—Andrew WATT  | R. BRIGGS/D. McKENNA—11 |
| 12—Bob FULLER   | Anthony WEBB—13         |

Referee: S. Crich

### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Peter Taylor

1—Darren BARRETT

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2—Mark HARWOOD    | Darren JONES—3  |
| 4—Harry GARVIE    | Mark JACKSON—5  |
| 6—Allan ARMSTRONG | Craig AFFLICK—7 |
| 8—Mark PAYNE      | Paul KODELA—9   |
| 10—Eddie ULBURT   | Steven SAULT—11 |
| 12—Neil HALL      | Brian SLADE—13  |

Touch Judges: M. Lethbridge (Blue), V. Wyborn (Red)

## THIRD GRADE — 11.45 a.m.

### CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN

Coach: Gary Thorogood

1—Peter TALTY

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 2—Paul CLAYTON           | Grant NEWTON—3     |
| 4—S. McBride/D. CALDWELL | G. PERCEVAL—5      |
| 6—Garry THOROGOOD (c)    | Peter ROBINSON—7   |
| 8—D. McKENNA/B. STACKMAN | W. SMITH—9         |
| 10—Mick PETERSON         | Robbie CLIFFORD—11 |
| 12—Don WILLINGHAM        | Dave OAKLEY—13     |

Referee: M. Lethbridge

### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Ray Keighley

1—Mark PRASSER

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 2—Mark SHERIDAN  | Adam LOWE—3     |
| 4—Dave STEVENS   | Mark CROCKETT—5 |
| 6—Shane BANKS    | Robert GOLDEN—7 |
| 8—Bill IZZARD    | Col SMITH—9     |
| 10—Ivan TOCKNALL | Mark PRATTER—11 |
| 12—Peter TAYLOR  | Brad SMITH—13   |

Touch Judges: S. Crich (Blue), W. Ross (Red)

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## First Grade

CESSNOCK 18 (J. Garvie, B. Aiken. T. Bender tries, J. Hunter 3 goals) drew with LAKES UNITED 18 (M. Bates, B. Burgess, M. Black tries, P. Walsh 3 goals).

KURRI KURRI 25 (M. Collins, V. Dobing, P. Williams, P. Turner tries, P. Williams 4 goals, S. Lee drop goal) d WESTERN SUBURBS 24 (T. Morrison 2, G. Mitchell, P. Atkins tries, W. Moylan 3 goals, G. Price goal).

MAITLAND 26 (J. Hemson, B. Farrell, G. Winchester, M. Burrows tries, B. Wier 5 goals) d MACQUARIE UNITED (J. Holt goal, D. Hill drop goal).

CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 116 (K. Barnier 3, C. Hammond 3, D. Newton 3, W. Snowden 2, P. McKenzie 2, S. Cherry 2, P. Snowden 2, S. Fitzsimmons, W. Schillings, B. Ryan, A. McDonell, C. Nealon, C. Purnell tries, W. Snowden 12 goals) d NORTH NEWCASTLE 4 (P. Mullen try).

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 30 (P. Parr 3, R. Rouse, T. Anderson tries, P. Parr 5 goals) d WARATAH-MAYFIELD 6 (B. Lantry try, B. Lantry 1 goal).

## Reserve Grade

Lakes 22 d Cessnock 6, West 56 d Kurri 2, Maitland 36 d Macquarie 24, Central 138 d North 0, South Newcastle 45 d Waratah-Mayfield 6.

## Third Grade

Lakes 42 d Cessnock 12, West 38 d Kurri 6, Maitland 50 d Macquarie 12, Central 26 d North 12, South Newcastle 16 d Waratah-Mayfield 12.